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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Audit/Finance/Investment Committee
Society of Biblical Literature
Atlanta, Georgia

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the **Society of Biblical Literature, Inc.** (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society of Biblical Literature, Inc. as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Society of Biblical Literature, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Society of Biblical Literature, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society of Biblical Literature, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Society of Biblical Literature, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
January 16, 2025

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,291,712	\$ 1,684,791
Marketable securities	6,983,346	5,865,492
Accounts receivable	224,525	233,274
Prepaid expenses and other assets	204,767	159,465
Book inventories, net of valuation reserve	37,733	54,103
Furniture and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	19,673	24,517
Capitalized software, net of accumulated amortization	547,227	691,351
Net share of Luce Center assets	2,199,528	2,040,856
Total assets	\$ 11,508,511	\$ 10,753,849
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 325,605	\$ 288,009
Deferred revenue		
Memberships and subscriptions	561,170	550,673
Annual meetings	984,103	907,756
Other	48,789	123,491
Total deferred revenue	1,594,062	1,581,920
Total liabilities	1,919,667	1,869,929
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	228,419	640,722
Designated by the Board for operating reserve	6,498,097	5,564,031
Invested in Luce Center property, equipment, and operations	880,882	952,143
	7,607,398	7,156,896
With donor restrictions	1,981,446	1,727,024
Total net assets	9,588,844	8,883,920
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 11,508,511	\$ 10,753,849

See Notes to Financial Statements.

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues and gains			
Congresses			
Congresses	\$ 1,242,696	\$ -	\$ 1,242,696
Grant revenue	19,420	-	19,420
Membership			
Membership fees	627,803	-	627,803
Marketing	25,550	-	25,550
Professions			
Career center	45,300	-	45,300
Contract income	45,745	-	45,745
Grant revenue	2,000	-	2,000
Fonts	1,200	-	1,200
Press			
Book sales	424,805	-	424,805
Subscriptions	208,902	-	208,902
Royalties	111,362	-	111,362
Marketing	25,478	-	25,478
Permissions	37,583	-	37,583
Membership fees	110,792	-	110,792
Book processing fees	24,875	-	24,875
Fee income	12,506	-	12,506
Development and fundraising	30,645	4,142	34,787
Investment income and change in market value, net	935,580	303,781	1,239,361
Rental income, net	26,428	-	26,428
Net assets released from restrictions	53,501	(53,501)	-
Total revenues and gains	4,012,171	254,422	4,266,593
Program services			
Congresses	1,168,960	-	1,168,960
Membership	214,309	-	214,309
Professions	428,617	-	428,617
Press	1,534,550	-	1,534,550
Research and technology	38,093	-	38,093
Total program services	3,384,529	-	3,384,529
Supporting services			
Development and fundraising	6,575	-	6,575
General and administration	170,565	-	170,565
Total expenses	3,561,669	-	3,561,669
Increase in net assets	450,502	254,422	704,924
Net assets at beginning of year	7,156,896	1,727,024	8,883,920
Net assets at end of year	\$ 7,607,398	\$ 1,981,446	\$ 9,588,844

See Notes to Financial Statements.

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues and gains			
Congresses			
Congresses	\$ 1,310,247	\$ -	\$ 1,310,247
Grant revenue	30,580	-	30,580
Membership			
Membership fees	624,820	-	624,820
Marketing	38,740	-	38,740
Professions			
Career center	58,883	-	58,883
Contract income	21,273	-	21,273
Fonts	1,250	-	1,250
Press			
Book sales	432,859	-	432,859
Subscriptions	178,551	-	178,551
Royalties	123,974	-	123,974
Marketing	25,502	-	25,502
Permissions	19,554	-	19,554
Membership fees	110,262	-	110,262
Contract income	15,000	-	15,000
Book processing fees	19,100	-	19,100
Fee income	7,970	-	7,970
Development and fundraising	33,057	19,156	52,213
Investment income and change in market value, net	618,592	215,505	834,097
Rental income, net	56,698	-	56,698
Net assets released from restrictions	72,498	(72,498)	-
Total revenues and gains	3,799,410	162,163	3,961,573
Program services			
Congresses	1,152,340	-	1,152,340
Membership	220,285	-	220,285
Professions	418,816	-	418,816
Press	1,528,229	-	1,528,229
Regional meetings	9,123	-	9,123
Research and technology	35,773	-	35,773
Total program services	3,364,566	-	3,364,566
Supporting services			
Development and fundraising	8,524	-	8,524
General and administration	165,263	-	165,263
Total expenses	3,538,353	-	3,538,353
Increase in net assets	261,057	162,163	423,220
Net assets at beginning of year	6,895,839	1,564,861	8,460,700
Net assets at end of year	\$ 7,156,896	\$ 1,727,024	\$ 8,883,920

See Notes to Financial Statements.

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, INC.

**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Program Services					Total Programs	Supporting Services		
	Congresses	Membership	Professions	Press	Research and Technology		Development and Fundraising	General and Admin.	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ 397,235	\$ 110,935	\$ 183,698	\$ 557,918	\$ 26,238	\$ 1,276,024	\$ 230	\$ 52,693	\$ 1,328,947
Employee benefits	106,461	28,296	55,944	144,623	5,387	340,711	52	10,589	351,352
Payroll taxes	28,281	8,000	12,956	40,386	1,851	91,474	17	3,764	95,255
	531,977	147,231	252,598	742,927	33,476	1,708,209	299	67,046	1,775,554
Advertising	-	-	-	8,187	-	8,187	-	-	8,187
Bank and credit card fees	41,972	15,422	1,066	22,432	5	80,897	292	112	81,301
Communication	58,793	9,875	5,653	37,033	1,045	112,399	41	8,253	120,693
Cost of publications sold	-	-	-	19,363	-	19,363	-	-	19,363
Dues, memberships and subscriptions	5,713	2,184	1,176	6,156	392	15,621	520	2,554	18,695
Equipment and supplies	56,917	4,011	9,676	33,630	845	105,079	-	2,578	107,657
Insurance	9,115	1,724	928	4,641	132	16,540	-	908	17,448
Occupancy	22,440	8,580	4,620	23,100	660	59,400	-	6,600	66,000
Press distribution costs	-	-	14	64,520	-	64,534	-	-	64,534
Production and printing	1,324	-	-	235,089	-	236,413	-	-	236,413
Professional fees	96,618	7,556	25,677	88,217	594	218,662	1,518	5,949	226,129
Royalties	-	-	-	27,130	-	27,130	-	-	27,130
Meeting audiovisual expenses	184,205	-	-	-	-	184,205	-	-	184,205
Meetings, travel and hospitality	146,039	8,459	27,064	35,683	820	218,065	472	5,266	223,803
Travel and research grants	9,977	-	32,593	-	-	42,570	-	-	42,570
Miscellaneous	133	46	29	395	14	617	1	39	657
Depreciation and amortization	3,737	9,221	67,523	181,352	110	261,943	3,432	1,099	266,474
Building depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,688	67,688
Book inventory depreciation	-	-	-	4,695	-	4,695	-	-	4,695
Provision for income taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,473	2,473
Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,168,960</u>	<u>\$ 214,309</u>	<u>\$ 428,617</u>	<u>\$ 1,534,550</u>	<u>\$ 38,093</u>	<u>\$ 3,384,529</u>	<u>\$ 6,575</u>	<u>\$ 170,565</u>	<u>\$ 3,561,669</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, INC.

**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Program Services						Supporting Services			Total
	Congresses	Membership	Professions	Press	Regional Meetings	Research and Technology	Total Programs	Development and Fundraising	General and Admin.	
Salaries and wages	\$ 364,221	\$ 104,376	\$ 162,850	\$ 514,844	\$ 836	\$ 20,229	\$ 1,167,356	\$ 485	\$ 44,700	\$ 1,212,541
Employee benefits	94,651	29,530	49,766	131,397	309	4,897	310,550	132	9,026	319,708
Payroll taxes	24,761	7,004	11,196	35,808	56	1,906	80,731	34	2,900	83,665
	483,633	140,910	223,812	682,049	1,201	27,032	1,558,637	651	56,626	1,615,914
Advertising	-	-	-	6,979	-	-	6,979	-	-	6,979
Bank and credit card fees	37,581	14,818	1,396	22,196	-	2	75,993	1,067	17	77,077
Communication	54,763	9,018	8,084	41,861	-	1,496	115,222	148	7,522	122,892
Cost of publications sold	-	-	-	13,657	-	-	13,657	-	-	13,657
Dues, memberships and subscriptions	4,762	1,776	2,854	5,222	10,582	239	25,435	646	2,026	28,107
Equipment and supplies	66,567	3,973	11,002	34,806	913	1,583	118,844	118	2,221	121,183
Insurance	8,999	1,586	1,134	4,607	-	154	16,480	-	1,139	17,619
Occupancy	19,800	7,920	10,560	23,760	-	1,320	63,360	-	2,640	66,000
Press distribution costs	-	-	-	55,877	-	-	55,877	-	-	55,877
Production and printing	3,724	7	4	278,910	-	-	282,645	-	-	282,645
Professional fees	123,461	19,935	40,280	121,790	(140)	2,465	307,791	1,149	15,077	324,017
Royalties	-	-	-	20,304	-	-	20,304	-	-	20,304
Meeting audiovisual expenses	196,766	-	-	-	-	-	196,766	-	-	196,766
Meetings, travel and hospitality	132,702	10,938	37,799	42,316	(3,433)	1,369	221,691	1,313	7,665	230,669
Travel and research grants	16,922	-	12,634	-	-	-	29,556	-	-	29,556
Miscellaneous	460	7	14	184	-	48	713	-	64	777
Depreciation and amortization	2,200	9,397	69,243	167,338	-	65	248,243	3,432	647	252,322
Building depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,294	68,294
Book inventory depreciation	-	-	-	6,373	-	-	6,373	-	-	6,373
Provision for income taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,325	1,325
Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,152,340</u>	<u>\$ 220,285</u>	<u>\$ 418,816</u>	<u>\$ 1,528,229</u>	<u>\$ 9,123</u>	<u>\$ 35,773</u>	<u>\$ 3,364,566</u>	<u>\$ 8,524</u>	<u>\$ 165,263</u>	<u>\$ 3,538,353</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, INC.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in net assets	\$ 704,924	\$ 423,220
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	334,162	320,616
Realized losses (gains) on marketable securities	98,707	(56,466)
Unrealized gains on marketable securities	(1,146,020)	(505,604)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	8,749	(23,344)
Promises to give	-	16,245
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(45,302)	(26,303)
Book inventories and books in production, net	16,370	25,287
Accounts payable	37,596	(26,519)
Deferred revenue	12,142	42,361
	21,328	189,493
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of furniture and equipment	(3,999)	(24,160)
Software development costs	(113,507)	(164,175)
Purchases of marketable securities	(2,625,153)	(1,267,048)
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	2,328,252	1,043,717
	(414,407)	(411,666)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(393,079)	(222,173)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,684,791	1,906,964
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 1,291,712	\$ 1,684,791

See Notes to Financial Statements.

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization:

The Society of Biblical Literature, Inc. (the “Society” or “Organization”) is a not-for-profit organization established to foster biblical scholarship. Membership in the Society is composed of scholars, teachers, and non-specialists throughout the world, with numerous universities, libraries, and members subscribing to the journals and monographic series of the Society.

Significant Accounting Policies:

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Society are set forth below:

Basis for Presentation:

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for an operating reserve.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Basis of Accounting:

The financial statements of the Society have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and, accordingly, reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Functional Allocation of Expenses:

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue and Revenue Recognition:

Revenue is recognized when earned. Revenue received in advance for future events and future memberships and subscriptions is deferred to the applicable period in which the related services are performed.

Receivables represent amounts due for revenue earned prior to year-end. Gifts of cash or other assets are recorded as revenue when received or at the time an unconditional promise to give is made known to the Society.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Society considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash held in checking and money market accounts. Cash balances are maintained with financial institutions which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Balances exceed insured amounts from time to time. The Society believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

Marketable Securities:

The Society carries its investments at fair market value in accordance with FASB's *Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-For-Profit Organizations*. Realized and unrealized gains and losses, as well as interest and dividends, are recognized as income or loss in the accompanying statements of activities.

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Inventories:

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, book inventories are stated at cost using the first-in/first-out ("FIFO") method, less a valuation reserve of \$67,074 and \$69,019, respectively. The valuation reserve reflects the estimated decline in value of certain books since their original publication.

Building, Furniture and Equipment:

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, furniture and equipment is stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$139,797 and \$140,471, respectively.

Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, ranging from three to thirty-nine years.

Long-lived assets, held and used by the Society, are reviewed for impairment whenever changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. The Society's policy is to capitalize furniture and equipment expenditures greater than \$1,000. Depreciation expense on the Society's furniture and equipment for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$8,843 and \$4,323, respectively. Depreciation expense on the Luce Center building and equipment for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$67,688 and \$68,294, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Capitalized Software:

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, capitalized software is stated at cost, less accumulated amortization of \$889,210 and \$631,579, respectively. Software is amortized using the straight-line method over an estimated life of five years. Amortization expense on capitalized software for the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$257,631 and \$248,001, respectively.

Income Taxes:

The Society is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Unrelated business income, if any, may be subject to income tax. A provision of \$2,473 and \$1,325 has been included in these financial statements for taxes on unrelated business income for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Generally accepted accounting principles require the recognition, measurement, classification, and disclosure in the financial statements of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the Society's tax returns. Management has determined that the Society does not have any uncertain tax positions and associated unrecognized benefits that materially impact the financial statements or related disclosures. All tax-exempt entities are subject to review and audit by federal, state and other applicable agencies. Such agencies may review the taxability of unrelated business income, or the qualification of the tax-exempt entity under the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state statutes.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements:

On July 1, 2023, the Organization adopted Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-13 *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses* (Topic 326): *Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments* and all related subsequent amendments thereto (Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 326). This standard replaced the incurred loss methodology with an expected loss methodology that is referred to as the current expected credit loss ("CECL") methodology. CECL requires an estimate of credit losses for the remaining estimated life of the financial asset using historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable held-to-forecasts and generally applies to financial assets measured at amortized cost, including maturity debt securities and accounts receivable. Financial assets measured at amortized cost will be presented at the net amount expected to be collected by using an allowance for credit losses. The Organization adopted ASC 326 using the modified retrospective method for all financial assets measured at amortized cost and any off-balance sheet credit exposures. Results from reporting periods beginning after July 1, 2023 are presented under ASC 326. There was no material impact to the estimate of credit losses.

NOTE 2. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statements of financial position dates of June 30, 2024 and 2023, comprise the following:

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,123,534	\$ 1,360,888
Accounts receivable	224,525	233,274
	<u>\$ 1,348,059</u>	<u>\$ 1,594,162</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY (CONTINUED)

The Society's endowment funds consist of donor-restricted endowments. Income from donor-restricted endowments is restricted for specific purposes. Donor-restricted endowment funds are not available for general expenditure. As part of the Society's liquidity management plan, cash in excess of daily requirements is invested overnight in an interest-bearing account to maximize return on excess funds. The board also designates a portion of any operating surplus to its operating reserve, which was \$6,498,097 and \$5,564,031 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE 3. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

The aggregate cost and fair values, as well as unrealized appreciation, of marketable securities as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 were:

	2024		
	Cost	Unrealized Appreciation	Fair Value
Corporate stocks	\$ 305,392	\$ 302,156	\$ 607,548
Mutual funds and ETFs	4,550,361	1,504,411	6,054,772
Private limited partnerships	321,026	-	321,026
Total	\$ 5,176,779	\$ 1,806,567	\$ 6,983,346
Equity securities - Luce Center endowment fund corpus and accumulated earnings	\$ 658,629	\$ 669,529	\$ 1,328,158
	2023		
	Cost	Unrealized Appreciation	Fair Value
Corporate stocks	\$ 278,713	\$ 266,241	\$ 544,954
Mutual funds and ETFs	4,437,768	580,535	5,018,303
Private limited partnerships	302,235	-	302,235
Total	\$ 5,018,716	\$ 846,776	\$ 5,865,492
Equity securities - Luce Center endowment fund corpus and accumulated earnings	\$ 618,498	\$ 483,300	\$ 1,101,798

Investment return consists of the following for the years ended June 30:

	2024	2023
Interest and dividends	\$ 243,244	\$ 315,843
Realized gains	(98,707)	56,466
Unrealized gains/(losses)	1,146,020	505,604
Investment expenses	(51,196)	(43,816)
	\$ 1,239,361	\$ 834,097

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NOTE 3. MARKETABLE SECURITIES (CONTINUED)

The following tables summarize the fair value measurements of certain investments that calculate net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

		2024			
		Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
June 30, 2024					
Private credit fund (a)		\$ 317,949	\$ -	Quarterly	-
Private real estate fund (b)		3,077	-		
Total		\$ 321,026	\$ -		
		2023			
		Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
June 30, 2023					
Private credit fund (a)		\$ 299,158	\$ -	Quarterly	-
Private real estate fund (b)		3,077	-		
Total		\$ 302,235	\$ -		

- (a) This fund invests in private credit and specialty finance assets with shorter duration and contractual cash flows. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments.
- (b) This fund focuses on originating and purchasing real estate backed debt instruments. The fair value of the investment in this category is based on the net asset value of the Organization's ownership interest in partners' capital.

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NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

FASB's *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under this guidance are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially all of the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual funds, corporate stocks, and ETFs: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Organization believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2024:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Net Asset Value</u>	<u>Total</u>
Corporate Stocks					
Common stocks	\$ 607,548	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 607,548
Mutual Funds and ETFs					
Large blend	2,321,215	-	-	-	2,321,215
Mid-cap blend	90,139	-	-	-	90,139
Small blend	38,824	-	-	-	38,824
Bond fund	75,449	-	-	-	75,449
Large growth	2,976,636	-	-	-	2,976,636
Global large-stock blend	101,722	-	-	-	101,722
Emerging markets	56,902	-	-	-	56,902
International	76,780	-	-	-	76,780
Large value	277,451	-	-	-	277,451
Real estate	39,654	-	-	-	39,654
Total Mutual Funds and ETFs	6,054,772	-	-	-	6,054,772
Other investments measured at net asset value	-	-	-	321,026	321,026
Total	6,662,320	-	-	321,026	6,983,346
Equity Securities - Luce Center					
Luce Center endowment fund Corpus	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
Luce Center endowment fund accumulated earnings	1,078,158	-	-	-	1,078,158
Total Equity Securities - Luce Center	1,328,158	-	-	-	1,328,158
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ 7,990,478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 321,026	\$ 8,311,504

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NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Net Asset Value	Total
Corporate Stocks					
Common stocks	\$ 544,954	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 544,954
Mutual Funds and ETFs					
Large blend	774,079	-	-	-	774,079
Mid-cap blend	26,566	-	-	-	26,566
Small blend	528,142	-	-	-	528,142
Bond fund	340,919	-	-	-	340,919
Large growth	2,707,183	-	-	-	2,707,183
Small growth	93,235	-	-	-	93,235
Emerging markets	234,226	-	-	-	234,226
International	24,715	-	-	-	24,715
Large value	249,674	-	-	-	249,674
Real estate	39,564	-	-	-	39,564
Total Mutual Funds and ETFs	5,018,303	-	-	-	5,018,303
Other investments measured at net asset value	-	-	-	302,235	302,235
Total	5,563,257	-	-	302,235	5,865,492
Equity Securities - Luce Center					
Luce Center endowment fund Corpus	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
Luce Center endowment fund accumulated earnings	851,798	-	-	-	851,798
Total Equity Securities - Luce Center	1,101,798	-	-	-	1,101,798
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ 6,665,055	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 302,235	\$ 6,967,290

In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the tables above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of financial position.

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NOTE 5. LUCE CENTER ASSETS

As of June 30, 2001, the Society and the American Academy of Religion (the “Academy”), a related party organization, entered into a joint tenancy in common agreement, which establishes the ownership interests of certain assets and liabilities of the Luce Center. The agreement stipulated that the net book value of the Luce Center building and the Luce Center building endowment fund, including accumulated earnings, be shared equally between the two owners. All net revenues or expenses are also to be shared equally by the two owners. The building is subject to a ground lease with Emory University. This ground lease has a thirty-year term, expiring in March 2027, and there are two ten-year extension options available.

The Society’s net share of the Luce Center assets are as follows at June 30:

	2024	2023
Luce Center building	\$ 2,260,580	\$ 2,260,580
Luce Center furniture	45,108	45,108
	2,305,688	2,305,688
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,434,318)	(1,366,630)
	871,370	939,058
Luce Center endowment fund investments		
Corpus – maintained in perpetuity	250,000	250,000
Accumulated earnings – with donor restrictions	1,078,158	851,798
	1,328,158	1,101,798
Total Net Share of Luce Center	\$ 2,199,528	\$ 2,040,856

NOTE 6. ENDOWMENT

Interpretation of Relevant Law

With regard to endowments, the Society has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (“UPMIFA”) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of the interpretation, the Society retains in perpetuity: (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) subsequent gifts to the endowment, and (c) accumulations (appreciation and depreciation in value) to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The accumulations are added to the original gift due to the court-ordered unitrust described below. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Society considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- (2) The purposes of the Society and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation or deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the Society
- (7) The investment policies of the Society

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NOTE 6. ENDOWMENT (CONTINUED)

Funds with Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of the assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the Society to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with GAAP, deficiencies of this nature are reported in unrestricted net assets. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Society did not have any such deficiencies in the endowment.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Society has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Society must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period. Under this policy, as approved by the Society, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price and yield results of the S&P 500 index while assuming a moderate level of investment risk. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Society relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Society targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Spending Policy

The Luce Center Endowment allows for spending of the accumulated earnings for repairs and maintenance to the Luce Center and the Scholarship and Awards Endowment allows for spending of the accumulated earnings on awards to scholars. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Society received a \$50,000 donor-restricted term endowment, the Philip G. and Lois F. Roets Endowment. The Roets Endowment allows for spending of principal and income for new content for the Bible Odyssey website. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the Society received a \$50,000 donor-restricted term endowment, the A.R. Pete Diamond Endowment for Innovations in Biblical Interpretation which allows for spending of principal and income for new content for the Bible Odyssey website. The Society also received a \$30,000 donor-restricted endowment to be maintained in perpetuity, The A.R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship. This endowment allows for spending of the accumulated earnings on awards to scholars.

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NOTE 6. ENDOWMENT (CONTINUED)

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund and changes in endowment net assets are summarized as follows:

Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type of Fund as of June 30, 2024	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	\$ -	\$ 324,630	\$ 324,630
Accumulated investment gains	-	1,360,094	1,360,094
	\$ -	\$ 1,684,724	\$ 1,684,724
Changes in Endowment Net Assets for the year ended June 30, 2024	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 1,406,708	\$ 1,406,708
Investment return:			
Investment income	-	48,143	48,143
Net appreciation (realized and unrealized)	-	229,855	229,855
Total investment return	-	277,998	277,998
Contributions received	-	18	18
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	-	-
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ -	\$ 1,684,724	\$ 1,684,724
Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type of Fund as of June 30, 2023	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	\$ -	\$ 324,630	\$ 324,630
Accumulated investment gains	-	1,082,078	1,082,078
	\$ -	\$ 1,406,708	\$ 1,406,708
Changes in Endowment Net Assets for the year ended June 30, 2023	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 1,212,739	\$ 1,212,739
Investment return:			
Investment income	-	51,021	51,021
Net depreciation (realized and unrealized)	-	142,898	142,898
Total investment return	-	193,919	193,919
Contributions received	-	1,050	1,050
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ -	\$ 1,406,708	\$ 1,406,708

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NOTE 7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

Introductory full-time, regular full-time, and regular part-time employees of the Society are eligible to participate in a tax-deferred annuity plan. Under the plan, the Society made contributions equal to 10% of annual salary to the Teacher’s Insurance and Annuity Association and/or College Retirement Equities Fund (“TIAA-CREF”) defined contribution plan. Employee contributions are voluntary. Total retirement expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$125,232 and \$110,922, respectively.

NOTE 8. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes or periods:

	2024	2023
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:		
Scholarships and Awards	\$ 228,471	\$ 202,764
Bible Odyssey	68,251	117,552
	296,722	320,316
Endowments:		
Subject to appropriation and expenditure when a specified event occurs:		
Restricted by donors for:		
Luce Center Maintenance Fund	1,078,158	851,798
Scholarships and Awards	113,160	84,711
Bible Odyssey	168,776	145,569
	1,360,094	1,082,078
Endowments:		
Subject to NFP endowment spending policy and appropriation:		
Luce Center	250,000	250,000
Scholarships and Awards	74,630	74,630
	324,630	324,630
Total endowments	1,684,724	1,406,708
Total net assets with donor restrictions	\$ 1,981,446	\$ 1,727,024

During 2024, \$4,200 was released from restrictions for scholarships and awards and \$49,301 was released for Bible Odyssey. During 2023, \$2,000 was released from restrictions for scholarships and awards and \$70,498 was released for Bible Odyssey.

NOTE 9. FUNCTIONALIZED EXPENSES

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include payroll fees, phone, postage, office supplies, equipment leases, rent and insurance which are allocated based on estimates of time and effort. All other allocated expenses are based on the percentage of each program’s direct revenue and direct expenses reduced by approximately 1.5% for general and administrative.

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NOTE 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Society has evaluated subsequent events through January 16, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.