

THE ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE
STUDY OF RELIGION AND
LIBERTY

Financial Statements
With Independent Auditors' Report

December 31, 2024 and 2023

THE ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND LIBERTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 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 Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty as of December 31, 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. 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 these 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 Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Board of Directors
The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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, including omissions, 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 Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty'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 Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty'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.

Capin Crouse LLC

Grand Rapids, Michigan
July 15, 2025

THE ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND LIBERTY

Statements of Financial Position

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
ASSETS:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,017,215	\$ 4,433,336
Investments	258,138	926,883
Promises to give	1,047,087	661,772
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,123,038	884,249
	<hr/> 5,445,478	<hr/> 6,906,240
Non-current assets:		
Promise to give, less current portion	418,297	120,668
Long-term investments	14,626,858	14,945,449
Land, building and equipment–net	6,062,487	6,132,661
	<hr/> 21,107,642	<hr/> 21,198,778
Total Assets	<hr/> \$ 26,553,120	<hr/> \$ 28,105,018
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 170,839	\$ 108,549
Refundable advances	-	45,331
Deferred revenue	21,910	-
Total Liabilities	<hr/> 192,749	<hr/> 153,880
Net assets:		
Net assets without donor restrictions	17,796,099	16,143,840
Net assets with donor restrictions:		
Restricted by purpose or time	8,064,272	11,307,298
Restricted in perpetuity	500,000	500,000
	<hr/> 8,564,272	<hr/> 11,807,298
Total net assets	<hr/> 26,360,371	<hr/> 27,951,138
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<hr/> \$ 26,553,120	<hr/> \$ 28,105,018

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Statements of Activities

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2024			2023		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:						
Support:						
Contributions	\$ 7,751,149	\$ 1,477,662	\$ 9,228,811	\$ 7,310,505	\$ 2,302,242	\$ 9,612,747
Contributed nonfinancial assets:						
Contributed services	442,203	-	442,203	345,237	-	345,237
Donated artwork	187,000	-	187,000	-	-	-
	<u>8,380,352</u>	<u>1,477,662</u>	<u>9,858,014</u>	<u>7,655,742</u>	<u>2,302,242</u>	<u>9,957,984</u>
Revenue:						
Investment income used in operations - net	-	24,117	24,117	-	25,168	25,168
Program fees	470,050	-	470,050	409,053	-	409,053
Other income	13,673	-	13,673	7,916	-	7,916
Sales	97,397	-	97,397	106,992	-	106,992
	<u>581,120</u>	<u>24,117</u>	<u>605,237</u>	<u>523,961</u>	<u>25,168</u>	<u>549,129</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>8,961,472</u>	<u>1,501,779</u>	<u>10,463,251</u>	<u>8,179,703</u>	<u>2,327,410</u>	<u>10,507,113</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions and Reclassifications	<u>4,800,734</u>	<u>(4,800,734)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,979,943</u>	<u>(2,979,943)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Support, Revenue, Net Assets Released from Restrictions and Reclassifications	<u>13,762,206</u>	<u>(3,298,955)</u>	<u>10,463,251</u>	<u>11,159,646</u>	<u>(652,533)</u>	<u>10,507,113</u>
EXPENSES:						
Program services	10,295,928	-	10,295,928	10,769,301	-	10,769,301
Supporting activities:						
Management and general	718,286	-	718,286	848,201	-	848,201
Fundraising	1,658,620	-	1,658,620	1,445,823	-	1,445,823
Total Expenses	<u>12,672,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,672,834</u>	<u>13,063,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,063,325</u>
Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities	1,089,372	(3,298,955)	(2,209,583)	(1,903,679)	(652,533)	(2,556,212)
NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES:						
Investment income - net of amounts used in operations	<u>562,887</u>	<u>55,929</u>	<u>618,816</u>	<u>2,786,479</u>	<u>12,047</u>	<u>2,798,526</u>
Total Change in Net Assets	<u>1,652,259</u>	<u>(3,243,026)</u>	<u>(1,590,767)</u>	<u>882,800</u>	<u>(640,486)</u>	<u>242,314</u>
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>16,143,840</u>	<u>11,807,298</u>	<u>27,951,138</u>	<u>15,261,040</u>	<u>12,447,784</u>	<u>27,708,824</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$17,796,099</u>	<u>\$ 8,564,272</u>	<u>\$26,360,371</u>	<u>\$16,143,840</u>	<u>\$11,807,298</u>	<u>\$27,951,138</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses

	Year Ended December 31, 2024								
	Program Services					Supporting Activities			
	Education	Research	General Education	Poverty Center	Total	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,617,813	\$ 745,215	\$ 788,446	\$ 475,654	\$ 3,627,128	\$ 307,327	\$ 1,026,958	\$ 4,961,413	
Conferences and conventions	2,021,682	454,458	231,030	131,638	2,838,808	12,150	8,324	2,859,282	
Contracted services	392,668	82,466	332,445	315,871	1,123,450	25,375	151,706	1,300,531	
Other	153,267	43,379	135,293	26,318	358,257	85,398	95,956	539,611	
Advertising and promotion	9,202	-	485,139	8,052	502,393	-	1,808	504,201	
Travel	160,196	49,503	45,392	110,404	365,495	52,726	84,905	503,126	
Depreciation	86,702	40,269	38,067	25,052	190,090	81,607	130,332	402,029	
Grants and awards	33,444	309,314	-	-	342,758	8,592	-	351,350	
Printing and duplicating	80,789	23,129	118,291	13,778	235,987	5,004	45,924	286,915	
Honorariums	194,446	7,600	12,500	24,299	238,845	-	-	238,845	
Equipment rental and maintenance	86,742	22,952	43,168	19,764	172,626	22,907	15,474	211,007	
Postage and shipping	9,309	15,348	45,990	602	71,249	135	57,287	128,671	
Occupancy	29,621	10,659	23,753	6,626	70,659	21,601	12,006	104,266	
Supplies	23,822	5,069	19,929	5,729	54,549	8,922	13,488	76,959	
Meals and entertainment	37,447	2,536	2,071	13,471	55,525	3,870	9,153	68,548	
Professional fees	4,499	-	-	-	4,499	40,635	-	45,134	
Unrelated business income tax	-	-	-	-	-	32,470	-	32,470	
Telephone	8,677	3,019	2,747	3,222	17,665	5,889	3,262	26,816	
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	5,800	2,163	5,045	5,861	18,869	3,678	2,037	24,584	
Publications	-	-	6,878	198	7,076	-	-	7,076	
Total Expenses	\$ 4,956,126	\$ 1,817,079	\$ 2,336,184	\$ 1,186,539	\$ 10,295,928	\$ 718,286	\$ 1,658,620	\$ 12,672,834	

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Program Services						Supporting Activities				
			General Education	Poverty Center	Total	Management and General		Fundraising	Total		
	Education	Research									
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,462,618	\$ 709,025	\$ 881,383	\$ 310,739	\$ 3,363,765	\$ 306,629	\$ 910,976	\$ 4,581,370			
Conferences and conventions	2,199,196	451,936	262,156	106,170	3,019,458	857	1,224		3,021,539		
Contracted services	506,918	106,734	342,373	178,833	1,134,858	15,409	73,060		1,223,327		
Grants and awards	110,010	501,561	-	-	611,571	-	-		611,571		
Other	144,210	49,151	166,652	18,390	378,403	91,391	93,433		563,227		
Travel	199,874	80,368	78,532	85,946	444,720	51,767	65,818		562,305		
Advertising and promotion	28,305	-	461,058	-	489,363	-	988		490,351		
Printing and duplicating	110,066	100,938	141,713	12,462	365,179	4,813	113,337		483,329		
Depreciation	88,192	42,670	47,205	18,723	196,790	84,795	90,987		372,572		
Honorariums	252,377	3,000	15,000	15,950	286,327	-	-		286,327		
Equipment rental and maintenance	79,676	21,339	48,854	13,923	163,792	20,884	13,940		198,616		
Unrelated business income tax	-	-	-	-	-	173,880	-		173,880		
Postage and shipping	30,560	10,063	34,657	262	75,542	286	57,229		133,057		
Occupancy	30,238	11,531	37,137	12,840	91,746	22,914	11,382		126,042		
Supplies	26,226	5,421	24,790	2,405	58,842	8,104	4,733		71,679		
Professional fees	3,505	-	-	-	3,505	50,810	-		54,315		
Meals and entertainment	23,815	4,320	2,661	3,079	33,875	4,211	3,029		41,115		
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	7,485	9,206	4,968	3,207	24,866	5,638	2,800		33,304		
Telephone	9,076	3,151	3,236	3,604	19,067	5,813	2,887		27,767		
Publications	-	-	7,533	99	7,632	-	-		7,632		
Total Expenses	\$ 5,312,347	\$ 2,110,414	\$ 2,559,908	\$ 786,632	\$ 10,769,301	\$ 848,201	\$ 1,445,823	\$ 13,063,325			

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Statements of Cash Flows

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ (1,590,767)	\$ 242,314
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	402,029	372,572
Change in promises to give discount	(116,703)	-
Net unrealized and realized gain on investments	(183,876)	(1,795,616)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Promises to give	(566,241)	1,701,214
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(238,789)	(250,867)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	62,290	(402,073)
Refundable advances	(45,331)	(1,231,669)
Deferred revenue	21,910	-
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>(2,255,478)</u>	<u>(1,364,125)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(331,855)	(510,271)
Purchase of investments	(1,420,573)	(3,170,865)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	2,591,785	4,189,264
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>839,357</u>	<u>508,128</u>
Change In Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,416,121)	(855,997)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>4,433,336</u>	<u>5,289,333</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 3,017,215</u>	<u>\$ 4,433,336</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES		
Disposal of fully depreciated property and equipment	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 425,170</u>
Cash paid for unrelated business income tax	<u>\$ 32,470</u>	<u>\$ 173,880</u>

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THE ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND LIBERTY

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION:

The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty (the Institute) is a nonprofit education literary center, headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Institute's primary goal is to familiarize the religious community, particularly students and seminarians, with the moral dimensions of liberty and the free market. The Institute is primarily supported by contributions.

The Institute, a Michigan non-profit corporation, is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and comparable state law, and contributions to it are tax-deductible, within the limitation prescribed by the Code. The Institute is classified as a publicly supported organization, and not a private foundation under section 509(a) of the Code.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The financial statements of the Institute have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates. The more significant accounting policies are summarized below.

OPERATING AND NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES

The statements of activities present the changes in net assets of the Institute from operating activities and from nonoperating activities. The portion of investment return appropriated on long-term investments held for endowments under the Institute's total return spending policy is considered operating revenue. The investment return in excess of amounts utilized for operations as defined by the Institute's spending policy is considered a nonoperating activity.

All other revenue and expenses are considered operational.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Institute considers cash held in checking and savings accounts, and all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. The Institute's accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. At times, the Institute's cash and cash equivalents exceed federally insured limits. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there was approximately \$2,520,000 and \$3,350,000 of uninsured cash and cash equivalents, respectively.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

PROMISES TO GIVE

Unconditional promises to give are recognized as revenue in the period the promise is made, and as assets, decreases of liabilities, or expenses depending on the form of the benefits to be received.

Promises to give are stated at the amount management expects to collect from balances outstanding. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its evaluation of the status of individual accounts, past credit history with donors and the donors' current financial condition. Balances still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to promises to give.

The Institute considers promises to give to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful promises to give has been recorded. If amounts become uncollectible, a provision for the potential loss will be charged to operations when the determination is made. Promises to give expected to be collected in the next year was \$1,047,087 and \$661,772 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Promises to give expected to be collected in one to five years were \$418,297 and \$120,668 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The discount recorded as of December 31, 2024 was \$116,703, using a discount rate of 4.5%. There is no discount recorded as of December 31, 2023, as it was deemed immaterial.

LAND, BUILDING, AND EQUIPMENT

The Institute follows the practice of capitalizing, at cost, all expenditure for property and equipment in excess of \$1,000. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at the estimated fair value at the time received. Such donations are reported as support without donor restrictions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions specifying how the assets are to be used are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how the long-lived assets must be maintained, the Institute reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or long-lived assets are placed in service. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

Land	Not depreciated
Building	3 to 40 years
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	3 to 7 years
Library books and reference materials	7 years

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The Institute follows the provisions of the *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure* topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). These standards establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritize the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

Level 1

Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2

Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in active markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3

Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Valuation techniques: Fair value for mutual funds are determined by reference to quoted market prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions. Fair value of fixed income investments is based on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. Fair value of common stock of an unregistered company is based on an independent appraisal of the valuation of the company.

INVESTMENTS

Investments held at cost include money market funds and certificates of deposit with an original maturity date greater than 90 days held within the investment portfolio. The Institute holds Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 investments. Level 1 investments include mutual funds. Level 2 investments include fixed income funds. Level 3 investments include common stock of an unregistered company. The Institute used significant unobservable inputs including information from an independent appraisal based on other valuation methods. The valuation approach considers capitalization of earnings and the merger and acquisition valuation method, as well as discounting the valuation for lack of control and lack of marketability.

REFUNDABLE ADVANCES

Refundable advances consist of conditional grants whereas funds are received from the donor in advance of conditions being met. A grant is considered conditional when the use of the grant funds are conditioned on future events. Once conditions are met, it is recorded as contribution revenue. Funds received from the donor in advance of the conditions being met totaled \$-0- and \$45,331 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, which are recorded as a refundable advance on the statements of financial position.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets without donor restrictions are used to account for all resources over which the Institute has discretionary control.

NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Contributions of cash and other assets are considered net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of donated assets. These include donor restrictions requiring the net assets be held in perpetuity or for a specified term with investment return available for the Novak award as described in Note 7.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions received are reported as without donor restrictions or with donor restrictions support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions, if the restriction is met in the same reporting period in which the support is recognized as revenue. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

CONTRIBUTED NONFINANCIAL ASSETS

Contributed nonfinancial assets consist of contributed services and donated artwork. The contributed services is an ongoing in-kind grant for online promotion of its programs. These services are reported as contributed nonfinancial assets at their estimated fair value as of the date of the contribution and expensed as promotional messaging occurs. The services are valued based upon estimates of what would be received for providing the services in their principal market at the time the services are contributed by the donor. These services are only used for program service purposes. Contributed artwork was a one-time gift during the year ended December 31, 2024, and is reported at the estimated fair value as of the date of the contribution based on a professional appraisal. Due to immateriality, the artwork is included in land, building, and equipment on the statements of financial position and no additional disclosures are reported.

FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing the program services and supporting activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and statements of functional expenses. Certain costs not directly attributable to specific program services or functions have been allocated to program services and supporting activities. Management allocates costs based on an average of the programs budget, full time equivalents, and staff time attributed to the function. Management considers its method of allocation to be equitable. The Institute incurred no joint costs during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

The Institute expenses advertising costs as incurred. Total advertising costs were \$504,201 and \$490,351 including donated advertising of \$442,203 and \$345,237, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, all respectively.

UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME TAX

The Institute is subject to tax on unrelated business income, as defined by Section 511 of the Internal Revenue Code. The provision for income taxes on such income was \$32,470 and \$173,880, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Institute's federal returns are subject to examination by the IRS generally for a period of three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date filed. Accordingly, the returns for the years 2021 through 2023 remain subject to examination.

3. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES:

The following table reflects the Institute's financial assets, reduced by amounts not available for general expenditure within one year. Financial assets are considered unavailable when illiquid or not convertible to cash within one year. The following table represents liquidity:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Financial assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,017,215	\$ 4,433,336
Promises to give	1,465,384	782,440
Long-term investments	<u>14,884,996</u>	<u>15,872,332</u>
Financial assets, at year end	<u>19,367,595</u>	<u>21,088,108</u>
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:		
Common stock of unregistered company	(5,657,400)	(5,065,000)
Restrictions by donors with time and purpose restrictions subject to release beyond one year	<u>(7,436,185)</u>	<u>(11,120,526)</u>
	<u>(13,093,585)</u>	<u>(16,185,526)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 6,274,010</u>	<u>\$ 4,902,582</u>

The Institute has certain donor-restricted net assets that are available for general expenditures within one year of December 31, 2024 and 2023, because the restrictions are expected to be met by conducting the normal activities of the Institute in the coming year. Additionally, the Institute's restrictions by donors with purpose restrictions subject to release beyond one year are reported net of any estimated endowment appropriations.

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4. LAND, BUILDING, AND EQUIPMENT:

Land, building and equipment consists of the following:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Land	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 1,080,000
Building	6,155,544	6,084,949
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	2,331,755	2,276,436
Library books and reference materials	121,054	121,054
Accumulated depreciation	(3,625,866)	(3,429,778)
Total land, building and equipment– net	\$ 6,062,487	\$ 6,132,661

5. INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT:

Investments, at cost and fair value, consists of the following:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Investments held at cost:		
Money market funds	\$ 9,386	\$ 1,167,725
Certificates of deposit	258,138	1,126,883
	<hr/> 267,524	<hr/> 2,294,608
Investments held at fair value (Level 1):		
Mutual funds:		
Large blend	-	2,095,838
Large growth	3,515,162	686,076
	<hr/> 3,515,162	<hr/> 2,781,914
Investments held at fair value (Level 2):		
Fixed income	<hr/> 5,444,910	<hr/> 4,516,810
Investments held at fair value (Level 3):		
Common stock of unregistered company	<hr/> 5,657,400	<hr/> 6,279,000
	<hr/> \$ 14,884,996	<hr/> \$ 15,872,332

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5. INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT, continued:

Statements of financial position:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Current investments	\$ 258,138	\$ 926,883
Long-term investments	<u>14,626,858</u>	<u>14,945,449</u>
	<u><u>\$ 14,884,996</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,872,332</u></u>

6. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS:

Net assets with donor restrictions consist of:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Restricted by purpose or time:		
Education	\$ 4,257,672	\$ 7,303,256
Campaign for building and program enhancement	2,000,000	2,000,000
Media/Poverty Center	1,299,134	1,107,704
Time restricted funds	204,562	434,106
Research	167,239	382,496
Novak awards (endowment)—accumulated earnings	<u>135,665</u>	<u>79,736</u>
	<u>8,064,272</u>	<u>11,307,298</u>
Restricted in perpetuity:		
Novak awards (endowment)—original gift	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
	<u><u>\$ 8,564,272</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,807,298</u></u>

7. ENDOWMENT FUNDS:

In 2016, the Institute established The Acton Institute Endowment Fund. The fund was established with a \$500,000 donor gift that will remain in perpetuity to support the Novak award.

The Institute is reporting the endowment in accordance with the *Reporting Endowment Funds* topic of the FASB ASC. This topic provides guidance on the net asset classification of donor-restricted endowment funds for a not-for-profit organization and enhanced disclosure information to enable users of financial statements to understand the net asset classification, net asset composition, changes in net asset composition, spending policy, and related investment policy of its endowment funds.

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7. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, continued:

The Institute's endowment consists of a fund established to provide perpetual support for the Institute. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The state of Michigan enacted UPMIFA effective September 15, 2009, and the Institute's board of trustees has interpreted the full provisions of UPMIFA, requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. As a result of this interpretation, the Institute classifies as net assets with donor restrictions (a) the original value of gifts donated to the endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the endowment, and (c) accumulations to the endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

Accumulated earnings are classified as net assets with donor restrictions and are investment gains waiting to be appropriated for expenditure by the Institution in a manner consistent with UPMIFA.

The Institute 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 Institute and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the Institute
- (7) The investment policy of the Institute

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Accumulated earnings	\$ 135,665	\$ 79,736
Restricted in perpetuity	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total	\$ 635,665	\$ 579,736

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7. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, continued:

Changes in endowment net assets with donor restrictions for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	Accumulated Earnings	Original Gift Amount	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 79,736	\$ 500,000	\$ 579,736
Investment gains	80,046	-	80,046
Appropriation for expenditure	(24,117)	-	(24,117)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 135,665</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 635,665</u>

Changes in endowment net assets with donor restrictions for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Accumulated Earnings	Original Gift Amount	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 67,689	\$ 500,000	\$ 567,689
Investment gains	37,215	-	37,215
Appropriation for expenditure	(25,168)	-	(25,168)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 79,736</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 579,736</u>

FUNDS WITH DEFICIENCIES

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the Institute to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with GAAP, deficiencies of this nature are reported within net assets with donor restrictions. There were no fund deficiencies as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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7. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, continued:

RISK PARAMETERS AND STRATEGIES EMPLOYED FOR ACHIEVING RETURN OBJECTIVES

The investment policy will voluntarily conform to the evolving prudent investor provisions of UPMIFA and other fiduciary responsibilities pertaining to the investment of the Institute's assets. The policy will be reviewed at least annually to ensure the policy is still consistent with the Institute's financial needs and tolerance for assuming investment and financial risk.

The Institute's broad investment objectives include:

- Preserving the long-term, real purchasing power of the assets while providing a relatively predictable and growing stream of annual distributions.
- Achieving maximum long-term growth through equity investments and generating stable returns with fixed income investments.

SPENDING POLICY AND HOW THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES RELATE TO SPENDING POLICY

The Institute will fund distributions using a total-return based spending policy. The general spending or distribution policy, as approved by the Board of Directors, is a rate of up to 4% of the average market values of the endowment investments over the last 12 quarters. The earnings on the net assets with donor restrictions-held in perpetuity are used to fund the Novak award.

8. RETIREMENT PLAN:

The Institute has an employee benefit plan (the Plan) under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for substantially all of its employees who meet the eligibility requirements. The Institute may make contributions to the plan based on management's discretion. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Institute made discretionary contributions of \$0- and \$40,000, respectively. The Institute matches 100% of a participant's elective contributions up to the first \$5,000. Total matching contributions to the plan were \$165,293 and \$186,445 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Institute's obligation is limited to contributions made for the benefit of participating employees.

9. CONCENTRATIONS:

One funding source provided approximately 9% of total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2024. One funding source provided approximately 10% of total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023.

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Institute received \$584,772 and \$1,139,027, in contributions from members of the board of directors during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of December 31, 2024, \$250,000 of the contributions was recorded as a promise to give on the statements of financial position.

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Subsequent events have been evaluated through July 15, 2025, which represents the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Subsequent events after that date have not been evaluated.