Form 5500	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

1c Effective date of plan 09/01/2017

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

106 PINEDALE SPRINGS WAY
CARY, NC 27511

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1854615

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 919-532-0620

2d Business code (see instructions) 813000

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/15/2024	JOHN DYKE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b** Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: **a** Sponsor's name **c** Plan Name	**4b** EIN **4d** PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	218
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	153
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	143
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	68
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	211
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	211
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	207
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	194
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 2E 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ……..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).	2023
Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
56-1854615

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

CETERA ADVISOR NETWORKS LLC

95-3845382

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	12681	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	11350	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
DE IVY MID CP GR I - DELAWARE INVE	2005 MARKET STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103	0.25%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
INVS BAL-RSK ALLOC Y - INVESCO INV	11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.25%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PGIM HIGH YIELD Z - PRUDENTIAL MUT 22-3703799	0.25%

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name: STANLEY HILL, CPA, PLLC	**b** EIN: 93-1940863
c Position: AUDITOR	
d Address: 138 QUADE DRIVE CARY, NC 27513	**e** Telephone: 919-787-1705

Explanation: ELECTED TO MOVE TO A FIRM THAT SPECIALIZES IN ERISA

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

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c Position:	
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)	Financial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	10920	63309
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	37701	50791
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	4635196	6001465
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	4683817	6115565
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	4683817	6115565

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	337817	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	534861	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	22596	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		895274
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	1106	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	2880	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		3986
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	141549	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		141549
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		825433
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1866242
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	410463	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		410463
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	11350	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	12681	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		24031
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		434494
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		1431748
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [X] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: ELLIOTT GROUP CPAS, PLLC **(2)** EIN: 45-4771754

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		600000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) …….. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)	Retirement Plan Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
56-1854615

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1**

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 04-6568107 _____

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information

(If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs

(see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☒ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☒ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A .

Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc.
Retirement Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator and Participants
Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan
Cary, North Carolina

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section—

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the 2023 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). 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 Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2023 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2023 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the 2023 financial statements.

In preparing the 2023 financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the 2023 financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the 2023 financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 2023 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 GAAS 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 2023 financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 2023 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 2023 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 Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan 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 2023 financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2023 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the 2023 financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 2023 financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2023 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 financial statements or to the 2023 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Other Matter-Auditors' Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2022 financial statements of the Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by qualified institution. Their report dated September 22, 2023, indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Elliott Group CPAs, PLLC

Charlotte, North Carolina
July 12, 2024

Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31,	**2023**	2022
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	**$ 6,064,774**	$ 4,646,116
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	**20,396**	-
Employer contributions	**12,736**	-
Notes receivable from participants	**50,791**	37,701
Total receivables	**83,923**	37,701
Total assets	**6,148,697**	4,683,817
Liabilities	**-**	-
Net assets available for benefits	**$ 6,148,697**	$ 4,683,817

Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31,		**2023**
Changes to net assets attributable to:		
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	**$**	**2,879**
Investment income:		
Interest and dividend income		**142,655**
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		**825,434**
Net investment income		**968,089**
Contributions:		
Employee contributions		**555,257**
Employer contributions		**350,553**
Rollover contributions		**22,596**
Total contributions		**928,406**
Deductions:		
Benefits paid to participants		**(410,463)**
Administrative fees		**(24,031)**
Total deductions		**(434,494)**
Net increase		**1,464,880**
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year		**4,683,817**
End of year	**$**	**6,148,697**

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was established on September 1, 2017. It is a safe harbor plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code covering all employees of Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. ("the Company") who are 21 years of age or older other than residents of Puerto Rico. Employees are immediately eligible for the Plan and are auto enrolled after 30 days, except for student employees and part-time employees, who become eligible upon attaining age 21 and completing 1,000 hours of service, as defined by the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

The Plan was amended and restated for regulatory provisions effective April 21, 2022.

Contributions

Each year, participants may make pre-tax and Roth contributions up to 100% of their eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. The Plan has an autoenrollment feature, and participants hired after August 31, 2017, are auto-enrolled at 1% upon eligibility, unless they affirmatively elect not to participate. The Company contributes safe harbor matching contributions of 100% of the first 5% of participants' compensation, which is deferred to the Plan. Additional non-elective employer contribution amounts may be contributed at the discretion of the Company's board of directors. No discretionary non-elective employer contributions were made in 2023. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, Company safe harbor matching contributions, Company discretionary non-elective employer contribution, as well as allocations of plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based upon participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers mutual funds as investment options for participants.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and the Company safe harbor matching contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Employees become 25% vested in the Company's discretionary non-elective employer contributions after one year of service, 50% after two years of service, 75% after three years of service, and are fully vested after 4 years of service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the rate of prime plus 1%, which is commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. Repayment occurs over a period not to exceed five years, unless the loan is to acquire any dwelling unit that is or will be the principal residence of the participant, in which case the repayment period may extend to 10 years. Participants can have no more than one loan outstanding at a time.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account in a lump-sum amount. Participants may take in-service withdrawals from all accounts after attaining age 59 ½ or at any time from their elective deferral and rollover contribution accounts. Hardship distributions are permitted from deferral accounts and Roth in-plan conversion accounts upon demonstration of a financial hardship, as defined by the Plan. Vested balances less than $1,000 can be distributed from the trust upon proper notification to the participant.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount 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 (the exit price). See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

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Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Investments at Fair Value
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Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022

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Certain Plan investments were managed by Fidelity. Fidelity is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, transactions with Fidelity qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

9. Reconciliation to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2023 and 2022 to the Form 5500:

December 31,	**2023**	2022
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	**$ 6,148,697**	$ 4,683,817
Employee contributions receivable	**(20,396)**	-
Employer contributions receivable	**(12,736)**	-
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	**$ 6,115,565**	$ 4,683,817

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2023 to the Form 5500:

Year Ended December 31,	**2023**
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per financial statements	**$ 1,464,880**
Less: Current year employee contributions receivable	**(20,396)**
Less: Current year employer contributions receivable	**(12,736)**
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	**$ 1,431,748**

10. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 12, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan

Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2023

Plan #: 003
EIN: 56-1854615

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of Investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost**	(e) Current Value
*	Fidelity	Government Money Market Fund		$ 63,309
	American Funds	Fundamental Investors Class R6		449,853
	American Funds	Moderate Growth and Income Portfolio Class R6		20,361
	American Funds	New World Fund Class R6		135,985
	Delaware Ivy	Mid Cap Growth I		138,587
*	Fidelity	500 Index Fund		1,160,220
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2005 Fund		272
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2010 Fund		6,055
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2020 Fund		16,831
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2025 Fund		121,481
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2030 Fund		86,487
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2035 Fund		633,948
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2040 Fund		341,494
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2045 Fund		758,568
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2050 Fund		657,755
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2055 Fund		204,533
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2060 Fund		159,875
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2065 Fund		36,639
*	Fidelity	International Index Fund		106,294
*	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund		149,580
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Index Fund		229,586
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Value Fund		170,260
*	Fidelity	U.S. Bond Index Fund		9,791
	Invesco	Balanced-Risk Allocation Fund Class Y		100,067
	MFS	International Diversification Fund Class R6		118,084
	MFS	Total Return Bond Fund Class R6		81,435
	PIMCO	Income Fund Institutional Class		95,201
	PGIM	High Yield Fund Class Z		12,223
	Total investments per financial statements			6,064,774
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% through 9.25%		50,791
	Total investments per Form 5500			$ 6,115,565

* Represents a party-in-interest.
** All investments are participant directed; therefore cost information is not required.

Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc.
Retirement Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator and Participants
Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan
Cary, North Carolina

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section—

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the 2023 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2023 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). 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 Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2023 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2023 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the 2023 financial statements.

In preparing the 2023 financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the 2023 financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the 2023 financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 2023 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 GAAS 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 2023 financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 2023 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 2023 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 Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan 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 2023 financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2023 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the 2023 financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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.

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 2023 financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2023 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 financial statements or to the 2023 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Other Matter-Auditors' Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2022 financial statements of the Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by qualified institution. Their report dated September 22, 2023, indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Elliott Group CPAs, PLLC

Charlotte, North Carolina
July 12, 2024

Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31,	**2023**	2022
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	**$ 6,064,774**	$ 4,646,116
Receivables:		
Employee contributions	**20,396**	-
Employer contributions	**12,736**	-
Notes receivable from participants	**50,791**	37,701
Total receivables	**83,923**	37,701
Total assets	**6,148,697**	4,683,817
Liabilities	**-**	-
Net assets available for benefits	**$ 6,148,697**	$ 4,683,817

Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31,		**2023**
Changes to net assets attributable to:		
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	**$**	**2,879**
Investment income:		
Interest and dividend income		**142,655**
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		**825,434**
Net investment income		**968,089**
Contributions:		
Employee contributions		**555,257**
Employer contributions		**350,553**
Rollover contributions		**22,596**
Total contributions		**928,406**
Deductions:		
Benefits paid to participants		**(410,463)**
Administrative fees		**(24,031)**
Total deductions		**(434,494)**
Net increase		**1,464,880**
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year		**4,683,817**
End of year	**$**	**6,148,697**

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. Retirement Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was established on September 1, 2017. It is a safe harbor plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code covering all employees of Hope Community Church of North Carolina, Inc. ("the Company") who are 21 years of age or older other than residents of Puerto Rico. Employees are immediately eligible for the Plan and are auto enrolled after 30 days, except for student employees and part-time employees, who become eligible upon attaining age 21 and completing 1,000 hours of service, as defined by the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

The Plan was amended and restated for regulatory provisions effective April 21, 2022.

Contributions

Each year, participants may make pre-tax and Roth contributions up to 100% of their eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. The Plan has an autoenrollment feature, and participants hired after August 31, 2017, are auto-enrolled at 1% upon eligibility, unless they affirmatively elect not to participate. The Company contributes safe harbor matching contributions of 100% of the first 5% of participants' compensation, which is deferred to the Plan. Additional non-elective employer contribution amounts may be contributed at the discretion of the Company's board of directors. No discretionary non-elective employer contributions were made in 2023. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, Company safe harbor matching contributions, Company discretionary non-elective employer contribution, as well as allocations of plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based upon participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers mutual funds as investment options for participants.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and the Company safe harbor matching contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Employees become 25% vested in the Company's discretionary non-elective employer contributions after one year of service, 50% after two years of service, 75% after three years of service, and are fully vested after 4 years of service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the rate of prime plus 1%, which is commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. Repayment occurs over a period not to exceed five years, unless the loan is to acquire any dwelling unit that is or will be the principal residence of the participant, in which case the repayment period may extend to 10 years. Participants can have no more than one loan outstanding at a time.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account in a lump-sum amount. Participants may take in-service withdrawals from all accounts after attaining age 59 ½ or at any time from their elective deferral and rollover contribution accounts. Hardship distributions are permitted from deferral accounts and Roth in-plan conversion accounts upon demonstration of a financial hardship, as defined by the Plan. Vested balances less than $1,000 can be distributed from the trust upon proper notification to the participant.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount 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 (the exit price). See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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- 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 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 to the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the quoted net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Investments at Fair Value
Investments subject to the fair value hierarchy:				
Mutual funds	$ 6,064,774	$ -	$ -	$ 6,064,774

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Investments at Fair Value
Investments subject to the fair value hierarchy:				
Mutual funds	$ 4,646,116	$ -	$ -	$ 4,646,116

5. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Participants are 100% vested in their accounts. Any unallocated assets of the Plan would be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

6. Tax Status

The Plan has received an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan Document is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). From time to time the Plan may be amended. The Plan Administrator and the Plan's management believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

7. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investments. Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit volatility. Market risks include U.S. and global events that could impact the value of Plan investments. Such events may include public health emergencies such as a pandemic, as well as international conflicts, cybersecurity attacks, supply chain disruptions, global monetary policy decisions, inflation, significant economic influences, and other adverse credit and market events and conditions. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

8. Related Party Transactions and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments were managed by Fidelity. Fidelity is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, transactions with Fidelity qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

9. Reconciliation to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2023 and 2022 to the Form 5500:

December 31,	**2023**	2022
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	**$ 6,148,697**	$ 4,683,817
Employee contributions receivable	**(20,396)**	-
Employer contributions receivable	**(12,736)**	-
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	**$ 6,115,565**	$ 4,683,817

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2023 to the Form 5500:

Year Ended December 31,	**2023**
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per financial statements	**$ 1,464,880**
Less: Current year employee contributions receivable	**(20,396)**
Less: Current year employer contributions receivable	**(12,736)**
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	**$ 1,431,748**

10. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 12, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
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(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of Investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost**	(e) Current Value
*	Fidelity	Government Money Market Fund		$ 63,309
	American Funds	Fundamental Investors Class R6		449,853
	American Funds	Moderate Growth and Income Portfolio Class R6		20,361
	American Funds	New World Fund Class R6		135,985
	Delaware Ivy	Mid Cap Growth I		138,587
*	Fidelity	500 Index Fund		1,160,220
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2005 Fund		272
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2010 Fund		6,055
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2020 Fund		16,831
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2025 Fund		121,481
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2030 Fund		86,487
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2035 Fund		633,948
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2040 Fund		341,494
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2045 Fund		758,568
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2050 Fund		657,755
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2055 Fund		204,533
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2060 Fund		159,875
*	Fidelity	Freedom 2065 Fund		36,639
*	Fidelity	International Index Fund		106,294
*	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund		149,580
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Index Fund		229,586
*	Fidelity	Small Cap Value Fund		170,260
*	Fidelity	U.S. Bond Index Fund		9,791
	Invesco	Balanced-Risk Allocation Fund Class Y		100,067
	MFS	International Diversification Fund Class R6		118,084
	MFS	Total Return Bond Fund Class R6		81,435
	PIMCO	Income Fund Institutional Class		95,201
	PGIM	High Yield Fund Class Z		12,223
	Total investments per financial statements			6,064,774
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% through 9.25%		50,791
	Total investments per Form 5500			$ 6,115,565

* Represents a party-in-interest.
** All investments are participant directed; therefore cost information is not required.