

Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Short Form**  
**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)  
▶ For organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year.  
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No. 1545-1150

**2001**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**A** For the 2001 calendar year, or tax year beginning JANUARY 1, 2001, and ending December 31, 2001

**B** Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return
- Amended return
- Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

**C** Name of organization

LIVING EARTH INSTITUTE

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
1930 WOODLAND CREEK ST. NE

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

OLYMPIA, WA 98516-3854

**D** Employer identification number

91:198151

**E** Telephone number

(360)493-1063

**F** Enter 4-digit (GEN) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

**G** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual  
Other (specify) ▶

**I** Web site: ▶ http://living-earth.org

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**J** Organization type (check only one)— 501(c) (3) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check  if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See Specific Instructions on page 35.)

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	7a	7b	7c	8	9	
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	15,420														
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts															
	3	Membership dues and assessments															
	4	Investment income															
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory															
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses															
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (line 5a less line 5b) (attach schedule)															
	6	Special events and activities (attach schedule):															
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)															
6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses																
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (line 6a less line 6b)																
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																
7b	Less: cost of goods sold																
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (line 7a less line 7b)																
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)																
9	<b>Total revenue</b> (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)	15,420															
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)															
	11	Benefits paid to or for members															
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits															
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors															
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance															
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping															
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>SEE ATTACHED TALLY</u> )															
17	<b>Total expenses</b> (add lines 10 through 16)	7631.46															
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (line 9 less line 17)	7,788.54														
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	10,082.09														
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)															
	21	<b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year</b> (combine lines 18 through 20)	17,870.63														

**Part II Balance Sheets**—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See Specific Instructions on page 39.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	10,082.09	17,870.63
23	Land and buildings	-0-	-0-
24	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	-0-	-0-
25	<b>Total assets</b>	-0-	-0-
26	<b>Total liabilities</b> (describe ▶ _____)	-0-	-0-
27	<b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	10,082.09	17,870.63

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See Specific Instructions on page 40.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? EDUCATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
 Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
 (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28	<u>ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, (DHANUSHA DISTRICT, NEPAL)</u>	(Grants \$)	28a	7558.71
29		(Grants \$)	29a	
30		(Grants \$)	30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule)	(Grants \$)	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)			32

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (List each one even if not compensated. See Specific Instructions on page 40.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
<u>STEVEN BUTKUS</u> <u>1930 WOODLAND CREEK, OLYMPIA</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u> <u>15 HRS.</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>SUSANNA BUTKUS</u> <u>1930 WOODLAND CREEK, OLYMPIA</u>	<u>V. PRESIDENT</u> <u>10 HRS</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>PAMELA ELARDO</u> <u>5706-43RD AVE NE, SEATTLE</u>	<u>TREASURER</u> <u>8 HRS</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>

**Part V Other Information** (Note the attachment requirement in General Instruction V, page 14.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.		X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6, and 7 (among others), but NOT reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		X
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		X
36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? (If "Yes," attach a statement.)		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a		X
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee OR were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
b If "Yes," attach the schedule specified in the line 38 instructions and enter the amount involved. 38b		X
39 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		X
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		X
40a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		X
b 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach an explanation.		X
c Amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ -0-		
d Enter: Amount of tax on line 40c, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ -0-		
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶		
42 The books are in care of ▶ <u>PAMELA ELARDO</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>(206) 522-1748</u> Located at ▶ <u>5706-43RD AVE NE, SEATTLE WA</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>98105</u>		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . ▶   43		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Please Sign Here  
 Signature of officer: PAMELA ELARDO Date: 3/8/02  
 Type or print name and title: PAMELA ELARDO, TREASURER

Paid Preparer's Use Only  
 Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check if self-employed  Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. W): \_\_\_\_\_  
 EIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_