

How to make a bequest

We recommend you contact a solicitor who will help ensure the appropriate wording is included in your Will.

The appropriate beneficiary to be named is the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW). This Trust has the responsibility to direct the benefit in accordance with the terms of the Will.

Suggested wording for your Will for your solicitor or advisor:

For a general benefit to the Synod of New South Wales and the ACT:

“I give the sum of \$..... to the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) to be used for such purposes of the Uniting Church in Australia as shall be determined by the Synod of New South Wales and the ACT of the Uniting Church in Australia or its Standing Committee.”

To be permanently invested and the income earned used by the Church:

“I give the sum of \$..... to the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) to be invested and the income there from time to time be used for such purposes of the Uniting Church in Australia as shall be determined by the Synod of New South Wales and the ACT of the Uniting Church in Australia or its Standing Committee.”

If you wish to designate a particular Congregation, parish, project, activity, or institution within the Church, use:

“I give \$... .. to the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) for the general work and activities of the Uniting Church in Australia provided that should that work or activity of the Uniting Church have ceased prior to my death or thereafter cease the said sum shall be used in such other manner as the Synod of New South Wales and the ACT of the Uniting Church in Australia or its Standing Committee determines.”

2 Corinthians 8:7
But since you excel
in everything –
in faith, in speech, in
knowledge, in complete
earnestness and in the
love we have kindled in
you – see that you also
excel in this grace
of giving

Thank you

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Bequests



The Vision and about The Uniting Church

The Vision of the Uniting Church Australia Synod of NSW and the ACT is to be a fellowship of reconciliation, living God's love and acting for the common good to build a just and compassionate community.

Although our Church receives most of its funding from earnings on its investments, there is an ongoing need to raise funds from generous Church members to help shape the future of our community.

Fortunately, leaving a bequest is easy. Just a relatively small donation from your overall estate could make all the difference helping the work of the Church.

The Uniting Church NSW/ACT Synod is one of six Synods responsible for overall support and resourcing with a focus on community services, mission planning, theological education and other educational services, administration relating to ministers and to property, financial services.

Your legacy

Making a Will can be enormously satisfying. It provides a rare opportunity to review your life and to look at your most cherished relationships. Deciding who will benefit from your Will is deeply personal. For most people, the first priority is to provide for the immediate needs and future security of family, relatives and others who have been close during their lifetime.

The balance of the estate after these intentions have been met is referred to as the 'residual'. Many people look to this residue of the estate to provide a gift to religious or charitable causes they support. Others leave a specific amount, percentage or item from their estate. These gifts are known as 'Bequests'.

This unique type of giving provides a practical avenue through which people can make a lasting impact.

Bequests are critical to the work of the Church, educating, transforming unjust social structures, safeguarding our vital community support, looking after the next generation and helping to continue our faith and mission. After providing for your family, a bequest is a special way of ensuring that the work of the Church continues.

Types of bequests

Residual bequest – Once you have ensured that all family members and beneficiaries have been provided for in your Will, a residual bequest will ensure the remainder of your estate is distributed to your chosen charities.

Specific bequest – This relates to the specific type of gift, for example, whether it is money, property, a life insurance policy, stocks or shares.

Whole estate bequest – This refers to a bequest of your whole estate to one beneficiary. A person might bequest their entire estate.

All bequests received by Uniting Church entities must be received by the Property Trust to ensure they reach the desired recipient.

How a legacy could be used

The work of the Church takes many forms. Through UnitingCare, it is the largest provider of non-government community services in Australia – carrying out work in aged care, children's services, hospital and prison chaplaincy, crisis support, counseling, housing, disability services.

Your legacy might be a much-needed building project, sponsorship for a minister of the word, funds for distribution by our rural chaplains in times of need or disaster, training and education to equip people of faith.

The Uniting Church does all this. Your gift would allow it to do even more.

Please let us know if you have included a gift to the Uniting Church so we can take the opportunity to thank you personally. Of course all information provided by you is treated with the strictest confidence.

*Your gift of love will allow God's
work to continue*

