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## **WHAT NEXT?**

If you've already organised a legal bequest, let our Bequest Officer know.

Bequests are confidential but knowing your intentions helps us better understand your motivations for giving, gather statistics and plan for the future.

It also gives the church an opportunity to say thank you.

## **RECEIVING A BEQUEST**

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

Processing bequests attracts a fee to cover administrative work.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information contact the Bequest Officer on 8267 4331 for assistance.

# **Leaving A Bequest**

***Gifts that build  
a future ...***



## CONTINUE BUILDING THE CHURCH YOU'RE PROUD OF

The Uniting Church in Australia is the result of many faithful people devoting time — sometimes their whole lives — to building a church they can be proud of; one that honours God, fosters faith and works hard to improve the world.

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### WHAT IS A BEQUEST?

A bequest is a gift left in a Will. Wills exist first and foremost to financially protect a family and loved ones in the event of a person's death. They are legal documents that ensure finances and belongings are distributed according to the wishes of the deceased.

While nobody enjoys thinking about death, planning for your departure is critical so that those closest to you can be significant.

Taking the time to word your Will carefully minimises the chances of your wishes being contested.

Bequests leave a legacy that can benefit the world beyond the natural life of the giver. They offer security for the things that are important to you — your family, friends, church and community — after you are no longer able to support them yourself.

## WHO WILL IT HELP?

The Uniting Church is one of Australia's most significant community providers. Through our members and services, we help people every second of every day. We offer places to sleep, pastoral comfort and theological education. We lobby governments for a better deal for the vulnerable and marginalised. We offer Australians a huge, open network of resources to worship God and develop their faith.

If the Uniting Church has improved your life in some way, you may want to in turn help others through its many agencies and services.

You can choose to bequeath to a specific purpose that reflects your passion in ministry; a congregation, Uniting Church service provider, or a general donation for use by the Synod of New South Wales and the ACT in a way it decides is most needed.

Your legacy might be a much-needed building for a new and thriving migrant-ethnic congregation, sponsorship for someone's candidacy for minister of the word, money for distribution by our rural chaplains in times of need or disaster, the creation of a cutting-edge ministry program or funds to allow underprivileged young people to complete studies through a literacy program.

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

## HOW DO I LEAVE A BEQUEST TO THE UNITING CHURCH?

If you would like to make a gift to the Uniting Church, your solicitor will need the wording that follows.

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.

### 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."

### Or 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 ..... 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."

### Or for a specific investment, use:

"I give \$..... to the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust [NSW] to be invested and the income there from time to time received to be used exclusively in or towards the general work and activities of .....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 income arising [received] from the gift shall be used in such a manner as the Synod of New South Wales and the ACT of the Uniting Church in Australia or its Standing Committee determines."

