

Guidelines for Leaving a Bequest for the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod

Thank you for considering the Uniting Church in your will. We welcome your support in serving the Queensland community in worship, witness and service. This simple document offers the process and suggested wording for leaving a gift. It is not legal advice, and we recommend you consult your legal advisor to ensure your wishes are appropriately met.

For any further information, contact Vanessa Griffiths, Fundraising Support Manager on 0438 277 011 or email bequests@ucaqld.com.au

Types of gifts you can leave

There are many ways to leave gifts in your will and we are extremely grateful for any contribution you are able to make, great or small.

- **You can give a part of your estate or the residue of your estate.**
If the value of your estate grows, or is eroded by inflation or other circumstances, your family and any other beneficiaries will not be disadvantaged.
- **You can give a specific amount of money.**
This does not allow for a change in your circumstances or for inflation, which will tend to erode the value of a specific amount.
- **You can give a particular item or items**
These can include shares, works of art, property, jewellery or other items of value.

How to leave a gift in your will

Step 1 – Contact our team

We are always here to discuss how your gift can make a difference to the lives of fellow Queenslanders and we can provide all the information you need to make sure your intentions are fulfilled. We thank you for thinking of us. Contact Vanessa Griffiths Fundraising Support Manager on 0438 277 011 email bequests@ucaqld.com.au

Step 2: Discuss with your legal advisor

Consult your legal advisor to ensure your chosen option best reflects your intentions. We recommend that you seek the qualified advice of an independent solicitor or legal advisor before making or revising your will.

Are you a solicitor or legal advisor? Refer to our will wording below for more information.

The legal entity of the Church is The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q). The ABN is 25 548 385 225.

Step 3: Tell your family and friends

We are grateful for any Gift you are able to leave us once you have taken care of your family and friends first. It's important to discuss your Gift with your loved ones to ensure they understand and support your reasons for choosing to help The Uniting Church Queensland in such a powerful way.

Suggested wording for your will

To ensure your intentions are correctly followed, it is important to word your will or codicil correctly. If you decide to support the Uniting Church Property Trust through a bequest, the following are suggested forms of wording for inclusion in a will. We recommend that you seek independent legal advice before relying on these suggested forms of words concerning your intentions.

Please note: The Property Trust is not able to provide legal advice and the wording below is a suggestion only. You should discuss and finalise your intentions based on the advice of your solicitor.

Wording for a Specific Bequest

I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH (insert type of gift and property location, etc.) to THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA PROPERTY TRUST (Q.) for the activities of <INSERT SPECIFIC PURPOSE/CONGREGATION> Uniting Church of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod provided that should that church and/or its activities have ceased prior to my death or thereafter cease, the amount shall be used in such other manner as determined by the Queensland Synod.

Wording for a General Bequest

I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH (insert type of gift and property location, etc.) to THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA PROPERTY TRUST (Q.), the amount shall be used in such a manner as determined by the Queensland Synod.

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