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connecting communities for life

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UnitingWorld Bequests

Why UnitingWorld?

Lesley Bryant, UnitingWorld Supporter

My interest in the work of what is now UnitingWorld began in my childhood as I listened to the stories of the work of the Presbyterian Church in Korea and India. When the Uniting Church came into being this interest grew to include the Pacific, and in particular Samoa and Fiji.

But there's also a personal and family dimension to my deep and abiding heart for our near neighbours in the Pacific. I only discovered in adulthood that my great-grandmother was a Samoan who'd married my Cornish, seafaring great-grandfather.

This discovery, along with my family's reconnection with our extended family in the Pacific, gave me insight into the lives of our Pacific neighbours – their troubles, vulnerabilities and incredible faith in the future. Likewise, I've been able to see firsthand the way UnitingWorld works in partnership with local church communities across this region – and that's something I have a passion to see continue.

This is why I have decided to leave a bequest in my Will to UnitingWorld.

I hope you might too.

Lesley Bryant, Queensland

A bequest is a donation or gift made through your Will

Making a Will is one of the most important decisions you can make in your life. It ensures your wishes are carried out and the values you hold most deeply live on through the work of others after your death.

When you leave a bequest in your Will to UnitingWorld, your gift will be used to partner churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific as they work alongside their own communities – enabling relief and development, discipleship and faith-filled action.

Your special gift will support life-giving initiatives such as mobile health clinics in the Solomon Islands, the education of children in India's most disadvantaged communities, theological opportunities for young women and men in the Pacific and practical, life-giving projects like the construction of wells in drought-ridden Zimbabwe.

As the years go by the actual projects will change – but they'll always respond to the needs of our partner churches as they work faithfully alongside their people.

You can provide access to healthcare, education, clean water and life-giving opportunities - now and for many years to come.

What should I do first?

Spend some time thinking carefully about what sort of living legacy you want to leave and which people or organisations can best fulfil this.

If possible, talk about this with your family or close friends and always seek independent legal advice.

If you already have a Will then adding an amendment or "codicil" is all you need to do to update it.

If you have already included Uniting Church Overseas Aid (UCOA) or Uniting International Mission (UIM) in your Will there is no need to make an amendment. Your gift will be automatically redirected to UnitingWorld.

Give a copy of your Will to your Solicitor and tell a close family member or friend where you have kept the original.

Different types of bequests

You can leave UnitingWorld a specific amount of money or a percentage of your estate. You can leave property, shares, superannuation or other such items of value. It is also possible to make UnitingWorld a "residual beneficiary" which means after any specific individuals are cared for, UnitingWorld receives the remainder of your estate.

Our team will be happy to talk about the options available to you. Please call us on 02 8267 4267.

The wording you can use

If you decide to include a gift in your Will to UnitingWorld, please use the following words:

"I give and bequeath the sum of $ …. (or a percentage of the estate or some other provision) free of all duties to UCA Assembly Limited to be used for such of the purposes of UnitingWorld, an agency of the National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia, as shall be decided by UnitingWorld."

If you wish to leave a bequest for a specific area of the work of UnitingWorld, or you'd like to leave a Capital Bequest where the investment income can be used to support our work, contact our Bequest Officer on 02 8267 4267.

It's also a good idea to include the following wording:

"If when I die, the National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia does not have an agency named UnitingWorld, I direct that the reference to UnitingWorld in this Will shall be read as a reference to the agency of the Uniting Church in Australia which undertakes similar responsibilities on behalf of the Uniting Church in Australia to those which are undertaken by UnitingWorld at the date of this Will."

UnitingWorld is an agency of the National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia. We connect people and church communities in Australia, the Pacific, Asia and Africa to partner in God's mission; enabling relief and development, discipleship and faith-filled action.

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We understand that your Will is a private matter. However, if you intend to make a bequest to UnitingWorld please let us know by completing and returning this form.

Yes, I would like to support the work of UnitingWorld

- ☐ I have already included UnitingWorld in my Will.
- ☐ I would like the Bequest Officer to contact me about leaving a bequest to UnitingWorld.
- ☐ Please send me your quarterly newsletter so I can keep informed about your work.

DONOR ID (IF EXISTING)

Mr / Ms / Mrs / Miss / Dr / Rev / Prof (Please circle)

FIRST NAME SURNAME

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Your gift is incredibly important to UnitingWorld and our partner churches throughout Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Your legacy will help us create lasting, sustainable change.

We thank you for your support.

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