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Need is easy to miss if you just look the other way. People who dream for things most of us take for granted live on the margins. To reach them, you must decide to see, to respond.

United Methodist Women members see need. It is a gift, an ache that God has planted in our hearts. We find our passion for mission and dedicate our lives to service. We work to be wise stewards with our time, talents and our finances in life—and in death.

Remembering United Methodist Women in your will ensures that the work will go on long after you’ve gone.

IT IS LEGACY. IT IS LIFE-GIVING.

IT IS YOUR FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN ACTION.

United Methodist Women of The United Methodist Church is incorporated by a Special Act of the Legislature of New York State. It is authorized by its charter to take, receive and hold estates and funds by virtue of any gift made to it in any last will and testament.

Bequests and gifts to United Methodist Women may be designated for general work at home or overseas or for a specific project or projects. A bequest or gift may be designated as a memorial to a loved one, or a bequest or gift may be undesignated, leaving to United Methodist Women the decision as to where the money is most needed.

Since needs, concerns and programs change over the years, an undesignated bequest is sometimes the best choice. Changing times may make it impossible to carry out some wishes. United Methodist Women, however, accepts full responsibility for carrying out your intentions.
Suggested Forms of Bequest

1. General Bequest

I give and bequeath to United Methodist Women of The United Methodist Church, a New York not-for-profit corporation, with headquarters at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10115, the sum of $__________, and the receipt of the treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

a. Should you wish to designate your gift for work at home or overseas, add after “the sum of $__________” the phrase “for work in areas of mission in other countries” or “for work in U.S. areas of mission.”

b. Should you wish to designate your gift for any specific project (or projects), add after “the sum of $__________” the phrase “for ____________________________________ (name of projects/s).”

2. Residual Clause

Should you wish to leave your entire net estate to United Methodist Women, the following paragraph should be used:

“All (or _____ percent) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, which shall belong to me or be subject to my disposal or appointment by will, wheresoever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to United Methodist Women of The United Methodist Church, a New York not-for-profit corporation, with headquarters at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10115, and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.”

For further information, write to:
Treasurer's Office, Room 1503
United Methodist Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115
3. MEMORIAL

Should you wish to designate your gift as a memorial, add to any of the suggested forms the phrase “to be known as the _________________________ Memorial.”

4. GIFTS CAN BE IN THE FORM OF:

Cash or cash equivalent such as a certificate of deposit.

Life insurance—you can name a charitable beneficiary such as United Methodist Women to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of an insurance policy.

Real estate—you can make a gift of property including a home while you continue to reside in it.

Retirement accounts—you can make a charitable bequest of your retirement account(s) by naming United Methodist Women or any other charitable organization as the beneficiary of all or part of these accounts. At your death the remaining balance of the account(s) will be distributed to the charity free of tax.

Securities—making a gift of securities that have appreciated in value entitles you to a federal income tax deduction based on the full market value of the securities without your having to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated value of the securities.

PLAN OF ACTION

Your will should be the centerpiece of an overall estate plan that uses the expertise of your advisors such as attorney, financial planner, accountant and insurance agent. Having a properly drawn out will as part of your estate plan will give you peace of mind. Without a will, delays in the timely settlement and distribution of your property can cause added expense and inconvenience to your loved ones. Make a will today! and include United Methodist Women in it.
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