

**LEAVE A
LASTING GIFT**



Bringing the light of Christ into communities

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Everyone finds different ways to make their mark on the world. One way of doing this is by making a gift in your Will. When you leave a gift in your Will to Churches of Christ, you give a gift that lasts longer than your lifetime, a gift that will always be remembered.



The need for the assistance provided by the church is always growing. The ministry of the church take many forms including:

- helping families in crisis
- caring for the aged
- support for youth and young adults
- care and protection for children and young people at risk
- support for the mentally and physically impaired
- providing food and shelter for vulnerable people.

After providing for your family, a gift to Churches of Christ, or a specific entity or service, is a special way of ensuring that the mission of the church continues. Depending on family situations, some gifts are large and some are small, but all are vital to the works of the church.

Please note that you do not have any obligation to leave a gift in your Will to Churches of Christ. However, should you wish to make a gift in your Will, or make a donation, we encourage you to seek legal advice.

What is a Will?

A Will is a legal document that outlines how you would like your assets (estate) distributed when you die and appoints the person who will ensure your assets are distributed in accordance with your wishes.

The people who receive your estate are referred to as your beneficiaries.

Why do I need a Will?

Preparing a Will is essential. Leaving a clear guide to how you want your assets distributed by your chosen executor/s is cost efficient and may avoid lengthy court battles over 'who gets what'.

Dying intestate (without a Will) means that there is no guarantee that your assets will be distributed as you would like them to be.

Making or altering your Will is particularly important when life circumstances change. It is recommended that you review your Will every three to five years to ensure that it still reflects your wishes.

A Will also provides you with the opportunity to name guardians for your children (under 18 years), establish a trust, or donate directly to Churches of Christ or any other charity that you may wish to support.

Help with making your Will

It is advisable to seek professional advice and assistance when making a Will. Homemade Wills can lead to problems as the meaning and validity is often unclear.

A solicitor or The Public Trustee of Queensland can confidentially discuss your concerns and requirements. The Solicitor or Public Trustee of Queensland will prepare a Will for you and assist with the correct wording to ensure that your wishes regarding your estate are honoured. The Will making service by The Public Trustee of Queensland is 100 per cent fee free. Private solicitors may charge for making a Will.

Types of gifts in Wills

Leaving a percentage of your estate

Over the years, the extent of your estate may vary, but the chosen share of your estate will remain the same. You can choose what proportion of your estate you would like to go to your chosen beneficiaries in your priority of importance.

Leaving a specific gift

This can refer to a sum of money, an item of jewellery, art, shares or property.

Leaving the residue of your estate

The residue of an estate is whatever is remaining after you have provided for your family and other beneficiaries.

Leaving the whole estate

You may care to leave Churches of Christ in Queensland all of your estate. Your estate can be used in specific areas. Please share your plans with us so we can make sure that your money is spent in the ways in which you would approve.

Donating insurance benefits

Another form of gifting can be done through the donation of a life insurance policy. Many people started out in life with a small insurance policy. Through superannuation benefits and other estate planning, these insurance policies do not always represent a significant amount to estate planning. You can nominate Churches of Christ in Queensland or any of its services or churches as the policy beneficiary whilst still financially caring for your family from other assets.

Depending on family situations, some gifts are large and some are small but all are vital to the work of the church.

The information contained herein is provided on the understanding that it neither represents nor is intended to be legal, financial or accounting advice. Whilst every care has been taken in its preparation, no person should act specifically on the basis of the material contained herein. Expert financial assistance should be obtained from a licensed financial planner or accountant in relation to estate planning and taxation matters and from a solicitor to assist in the preparation of any Will. Information current 1 August 2015.

Suggested wording when leaving a bequest

The following clauses may assist your legal representative when drawing up your Will.

I give (\$ amount / % of total estate / residual of estate / specific item) to Churches of Christ in Queensland [its successors, survivors or replacement institution as the case may be at the time of my death] for { *}.*

I direct that the receipt of the Director – Governance for the time being of Churches of Christ in Queensland ARBN 147481436 (incorporated in Queensland) shall constitute a sufficient discharge to my trustee.

{* *} General Purpose of Churches of Christ in Queensland – Preferred
the general charitable, education and religious purposes.

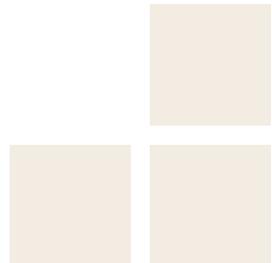
{* *} Churches of Christ Care – General
the general charitable, education and religious purposes.

{* *} Churches of Christ Care – Specific service
the general charitable purpose of (name of service) situated at (current address). However, if this service ceases to exist in its current form, then to another Churches of Christ Care ministry as per the direction of the Council of the Churches of Christ in Queensland.

{* *} Individual Church
the general charitable, educational and religious purpose of (name of church) at (address). However, if this Church ceases to exist in its current form, then to another Church of Christ or Churches of Christ in Queensland ministry as per the direction of the Council of the Churches of Christ in Queensland.

***And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of
the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father
through Him.***

Colossians 3:17 NIV



Churches of Christ

Churches of Christ's identity, existence and purpose as an organisation is found in Jesus Christ as revealed in the scriptures. All of what the organisation does in Christ's name is part of God's church – one God, one church, one body, one mission.

We exist to bring the light of Christ into communities. This is our mission. Through our local churches and care and support services we touch tens of thousands of lives each year. We strive to create an inclusive, caring, compassionate environment that meets our clients' needs without discrimination or prejudice. Everyone is welcome to call on our help, regardless of religion, beliefs or background. Our services are funded by a mix of government subsidies, grants, donations, fees and charges.

Churches of Christ has a significant presence in Queensland and Victoria with over 200 services in more than 100 communities, touching tens of thousands of lives each year. We operate a range of missional and community care services to assist families, the elderly and people in need through church communities and our care services groups operated through Churches of Christ Care.

Churches of Christ supports people in need, from children in foster care to seniors in palliative care and everyone in between. With the help of people like you, the organisation helps remote families receive quality

child care and education, struggling families stay together and low income families afford housing.

You can assist elderly people and those with disabilities to access in-home care and support, and to transition to one of our residential or dementia-specific aged care facilities should the time come when more regular help is required.

Your gift will benefit those in need, providing practical and material support to vulnerable people at different stages of their life journey. Churches of Christ has left a footprint in many communities, but you can help leave a lasting impression on many more.

Your support will make a real difference, please contact us at:

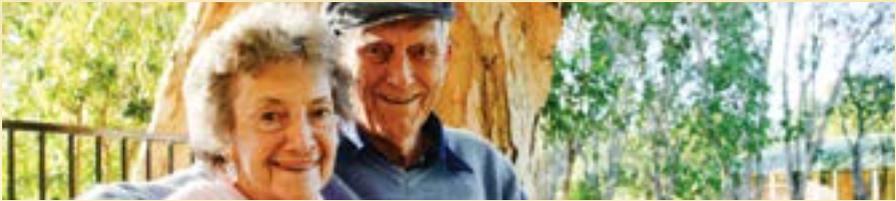
Churches of Christ

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Your gift will make a difference



Christmas 2012 was an especially wonderful time for the residents of Oak Towers Aged Care Service in Victoria. The service took delivery of a new wheelchair friendly bus. From that time on, all residents have had the opportunity to view the Christmas lights and enjoy many social outings.

The bus purchase was made possible through the generosity of long time Oak Towers' resident, Joan Jackson. When Joan died in 2011 she left her entire estate for the benefit of all the residents.

Her legacy has provided the residents with the bus, many extra lifestyle benefits and also funds for training new chaplains.

Joan's generosity has and will continue to make a lasting difference to the residents of Oak Towers.

Staff at our Crows Nest Aged Care Service, were humbled by the advice that they were beneficiaries of a bequest. The gift was left by Amanda Clancy, a long-time resident.

Her wish was for the gift to be used for the 'relief of the aged' in Crows Nest.

Amanda had a talent for music and played the piano all of her life. Her first gift to Crows Nest was her much loved piano, which now sits as a memorial to her time at the service. Amanda's bequest provided much more than a piano. She also gifted funds to provide a Palliative Care Room - a much more significant legacy.





***I have come that they
may have life, and
have it to the full.***

John 10:10b NIV

Preparing a Will is essential.

Leaving a clear guide to how you want your assets distributed by your chosen executor/s is cost efficient and may avoid lengthy court battles over 'who gets what'.

Taking time to write your Will allows you to make provisions for your family and friends. It also gives you the opportunity to let your love live on through a bequest to charitable organisations such as Churches of Christ.

A gift – however large or small – is a legacy of love. It stands as a monument to the values you hold dear in your life, and is a unique way to continue your support long after you are unable to do so personally.

Enquiry form:

If you're interested in learning more, you can contact us on **1800 600 900** or you can complete the form below and return to:

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- Please send me a free Personal Records book
- I am considering a bequest to Churches of Christ in my Will
- I have already included a gift to Churches of Christ in my Will
- I would like to receive your newsletter via: (please circle) email / post

Name: Mr Mrs Ms

Full name _____

Address _____

Suburb _____

Postcode _____

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Mobile _____

Email _____

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