

# Legacies

One of the most generous and lasting ways to sustain the New Testament Church of God (NTCG) is through a gift in your will. Unlike most charitable donations, legacies can be planned many years before they are received. As a result, they reflect the values of the donor as much as the needs of the charity. Legacies link the past, present and future.

### Is a legacy right for me?

Yes, if you would like:

- To make a more significant contribution to NTCG than you can presently afford.
- To name a space/chair in the Sanctuary, or to honour the memory of a loved one.
- To create a fund to support any aspect of our work that you feel is important (for example, activities programme or building maintenance).
- To give land, shares or property to WNTCG.

#### Is it complicated to leave a legacy?

No, it's very easy. You can include NTCG in your will any time you revise it, or by adding a codicil. It is a good idea to take professional advice from a solicitor, who will be able to discuss your plans in relation to your personal circumstances.

If you know exactly how much you would like to give, you may wish to leave a fixed sum (pecuniary legacy) to NTCG. Your statement might read in the following way:

"I direct my	executors 1	to pay NTCG	(registered	charity	250306),	for its	general	purpose,	the
sum of £	,,,								

Alternatively, you may choose to contribute whatever remains of your estate once your family has been provided for and all other gifts distributed; this is called a 'residuary legacy'. Your statement might read in the following way:

"I direct my executors to pay NTCG (registered charity 250306), for its general purpose, all (or \_\_\_\_\_%) of the residue of my estate."

A third type, the 'specific legacy', involves a gift of property, such as shares, land or personal possessions.



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All legacies are tax-efficient and may benefit your family, as charitable gifts will be deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated.

# Planning a special gift

Even if you can't estimate the amount that NTCG will eventually receive, we hope you will talk to us about your aspirations – whether (for example) you would like to support a particular activity or create a family memorial.

If you are considering a fund or a gift of property, then it's a good idea to consult with us before adding a codicil to your will. We can help to make sure that the wording for your fund is flexible and relevant and that your gift of property will be valued and used.

If you would rather not discuss your gift beforehand, then your written instructions will be carefully followed.

# Making a pledge

To simplify the process as much as possible, we can send you the following documents to help capture your wishes to remember NTCG in your will.

#### A legacy pledge form

A codicil form - to complete and keep safely with your original will