



Use Your Will to Give to Unitarian Universalism

If Unitarian Universalism is like family to you, include it in your will.



“This has been my church since I was twelve years old. I met Linda at the Emerson UU Church in Ellisville, Missouri. Unitarian Universalism is the only place where we are accepted as a family.”

Barbara W. Brown, (right), explains why she and Linda A. McAffrey included the UUA in their estate

Whether you are writing your first will or updating an existing one, we hope you'll include a gift for your congregation, the Unitarian Universalist Association, or other UU organizations in your plans. In a world where hate and oppression make claim to religious truth, Unitarian Universalism offers love, democracy, and compassionate justice. A bequest will bring you joy and will strengthen and extend our faith.

You don't have to be a millionaire to make a difference in the world.

Bequests are for everyone and anyone. They are both sensible and simple gifts. A charitable bequest allows you to be a Unitarian Universalist philanthropist *and* keep your financial options open.

You can use your will to give a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a specific item, such as real estate, a boat, artwork, the family silver, copyright or royalty income, or savings bonds.

Whatever you wish to give, we want to make it easy. Sample bequest language is included in this brochure for you to share with your attorney. If none suits what you have in mind, please contact the UUA Office of Legacy Gifts. We are happy to help!

Bequests and other estate gifts come in all shapes and sizes and are as different as the people who create them.

Some bequests are unrestricted, given for general purposes; the UUA or your congregation can put these gifts to use where they are most needed.

Some bequests are restricted, given for very specific purposes, such as the permanent endowment, building maintenance or a long-term project.

The UUA welcomes bequests directed to such areas as congregational growth, social justice, public witness, scholarship assistance for ministers and religious educators, continuing education funds, relief funds for ministers and families in need, lay leadership training, Beacon Press, Skinner House Books, the UU World magazine, and youth, campus, and young adult programs. We are happy to discuss options with you.

Anyone can make a meaningful gift to Unitarian Universalism in their will.

Regardless of the amount, your bequest is a statement of faith. Faith that our Unitarian Universalist movement and its voice for compassionate justice and religious freedom are important now—and will be important long after we are gone.

And when you demonstrate that you care enough about Unitarian Universalism to support its future, others will follow your generous example.



“Emerson said, ‘We are not born free, but with a mortgage.’ We need to recognize what we owe to the past. Unitarian Universalism has been a guiding influence in our lives and we are happy we can repay part of that debt. We want to secure this important resource for future generations.”

Dr. Frank and Mrs. Alice Schulman,
The Woodlands, Texas

Testamentary Charitable Remainder Trust

A trust document is created during your lifetime, with a “pour-over” will to designate which assets are to be placed in a trust with the income paid to specific individuals for their lifetimes. Upon the death of the last income recipient, or after a term of a specified number of years, the trust terminates and assets are transferred to the UUA, or a congregation, completing your gift.

Suggested Bequest Language

Please share the following suggested bequest language with your attorney to assist in drafting a will or codicil or to designate your congregation, the UUA, and other UU entities as a beneficiary of your estate. If the suggested language does not suit your needs, the UUA Legacy Office team can help you craft the language you need to achieve your charitable estate goals.

Unrestricted Gift

I give to the [Unitarian Universalist Association, located in Boston, Massachusetts], [___% of my estate or the sum of \$_____] for its general purposes.

Restricted Gift

I give to the [Unitarian Universalist Association, located in Boston, Massachusetts], [____ percent of my estate or the sum of \$_____] to be used for [stated purpose]. If at any time in the judgment of the organization's board of trustees it is deemed impossible or impracticable to carry out the above purpose, said trustees shall determine a purpose as near as possible to that description above.

Beneficiary Designation

Consider naming your congregation, the UUA, or other UU entities' as the beneficiary of your existing account in a donor advised fund, a retirement plan, IRA account, or a life insurance policy.

For More Information

Please feel free to contact the UUA's Office of Legacy Gifts at (888) 792-5885 or giftplans@uua.org for more information about direct contributions of qualified IRA assets or about other planned gifts. As with any substantial gift, we recommend that you consult your tax professionals.

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