



Bequest

An excellent way for you to support the AGWM ministries of your choice is to leave a bequest in your will, living trust or with a codicil. A significant benefit of making a gift by bequest is that it allows you to continue to use the property you will leave to charity during your life while leaving a meaningful legacy. Our knowledgeable, professional staff will work to ensure those funds reach the proper organization or are used for your designated purpose.

Bequest Benefits

A bequest is generally a revocable gift, which means it can be changed or modified at any time. You can choose to designate that a bequest be used for a general or specific purpose so you have the peace of mind knowing that your gift will be used as intended. Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. If you have a taxable estate, the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes, resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

Types of Bequests

There are a number of ways you can make a bequest.

Specific Bequest. A specific bequest involves making a gift of a specific asset such as real estate, a car, other property or a gift for a specific dollar amount. For example, you may wish to leave your home or \$10,000 to AGWM with direction as to how you would prefer the assets or funds to be used or distributed.

Percentage Bequest. Another kind of specific bequest involves leaving a specific percentage of your overall estate to charity. For example, you may wish to leave 10% of your estate to AGWM with direction as to how you would prefer the assets or funds to be used or distributed.

Residual Bequest. A residual bequest is made from the balance of an estate after the will or trust has given away each of the specific bequests. A common residual bequest involves leaving a percentage of the residue of the estate to charity. For example, you may wish to leave 30% of the residue of your estate to AGWM with direction as to



how you would prefer the assets or funds to be used or distributed.

Contingent Bequest. A contingent bequest is made to charity only if the purpose of the primary bequest cannot be met. For example, you could leave specific property, such as a vacation home, to a relative, but the bequest language could provide that if the relative is not alive at the time of your death, the vacation home will go to AGWM with direction as to how you would prefer the assets or funds to be used or distributed.

Bequest Language

To make a bequest, you should speak with your attorney. Your attorney can help you include a bequest in your estate plan. We have provided some basic bequest language to assist you and your attorney.

1. Specific Bequest

If you are considering making an outright bequest through AGWM, we recommend the following language. Note that in the following examples, the language in all capital letters or italics is where you would direct exactly what you want the funds to be used for:

Bequest of a Specific Dollar Amount

I hereby give, devise and bequeath _____ and No/100 dollars (\$DOLLARS) to The General Council of the Assemblies of God (AGWM), a Missouri nonprofit organization located at 1445 Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO, 65802, Federal Tax ID #44-0577787, for the benefit of AGWM, namely (named ministry) or a similar ministry within (named avenue of giving) in (named region).

Bequest of Specific Personal Property

I hereby give, devise and bequeath DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to The General Council of the Assemblies of God (AGWM), a Missouri nonprofit organization located at 1445 N Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO, 65802, Federal Tax ID #44-0577787, for the benefit of AGWM, namely (named ministry) or a similar ministry within (named avenue of giving) in (named region).



Bequest of Specific Real Estate

I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of the right, title and interest in and to the real estate located at ADDRESS OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to The General Council of the Assemblies of God (AGWM), a Missouri nonprofit organization located at 1445 N Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO, 65802, Federal Tax ID #44-0577787, for the benefit of AGWM, namely (named ministry) or a similar ministry within (named avenue of giving) in (named region).

2. Percentage Bequest

If you are considering making a bequest of a percentage of your estate through AG Foundation, we recommend the following language:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath ____ percent (____%) of my total estate, determined as of the date of my death, to The General Council of the Assemblies of God (AGWM), a Missouri nonprofit organization located at 1445 N Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO, 65802, Federal Tax ID #44-0577787, for the benefit of AGWM, namely (named ministry) or a similar ministry within (named avenue of giving) in (named region).

3. Residual Bequest

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to The General Council of the Assemblies of God (AGWM), a Missouri nonprofit organization located at 1445 N Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO, 65802, Federal Tax ID #44-0577787, ALL OR A PERCENTAGE of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for the benefit of AGWM, namely (named ministry) or a similar ministry within (named avenue of giving) in (named region).



4. Contingent Bequest

If (primary beneficiary) does not survive me, then I hereby give, devise and bequeath to The General Council of the Assemblies of God (AGWM), a Missouri nonprofit organization located at 1445 N Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO, 65802, Federal Tax ID #44-0577787, DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to be used for the benefit of AGWM, namely (named ministry) or a similar ministry within (named avenue of giving) in (named region).

Restricted Bequests

If you are considering a bequest but would like to ensure that your bequest will be used for a specific purpose, please let us know. We would be happy to work with you and your attorney to help you identify ways to give and meet your charitable objectives. We will also work with you and your attorney to craft language to accomplish your goals.

If you are making a restricted bequest, we recommend that your attorney include the following provision to give AGWM flexibility should it no longer be possible for your gift to be disbursed as you originally intended:

"If, in the judgment of the AGWM Executive Committee, it shall become impossible for AGWM to use this bequest to accomplish the specific purposes of this bequest, AGWM may use the income and principal of this gift for such purpose or purposes as the Committee determines is most closely related to the restricted purpose of my bequest."

Contact Us

Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions about how to make a bequest through AGWM or to request any additional information that might be helpful to you and your attorney as you consider making a bequest to us.