



Sample Bequest Language

The following language may assist you and your attorney in creating or revising your will.

1. Bequest of Cash for General Purposes

"I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to _____ United Methodist Church, which has a federal tax identification number of _____, and a physical address of _____, for the church's general use and purposes."

2. Bequest of Cash for a Specific Purpose

"I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to _____ United Methodist Church, which has a federal tax identification number of _____, and a physical address of _____, for the church's e.g., permanent endowment."

3. Bequest of Specific Assets for General Purposes

"I bequeath the following described property to _____ United Methodist Church, which has a federal tax identification number of _____, and a physical address of _____: e.g., stocks, saving bonds, real estate, for the church's general use and purposes."

4. Bequest of Specific Assets for a Specific Purpose

"I bequeath the following described property to _____ United Methodist Church, which has a federal tax identification number of _____, and a physical address of _____: e.g., stocks, savings bond, real estate, for the church's e.g., permanent endowment."

5. Bequest of Residuary

"All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both personal and real, I give to _____ United Methodist Church, which has a federal tax identification number of _____, and a physical address of _____, for the church's general use and purposes or for the church's permanent endowment."

6. Bequest of a Percentage of Your Estate

"I devise and bequeath ____% of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death, whether real or personal, and wherever located to _____ United Methodist Church, which has a federal tax identification number of _____, and a physical address of _____."

7. Contingent Bequest of a Percentage of Your Estate

"If _____ survives me, I devise and bequeath ____% of the remainder and residue of property owned at my death, whether real or personal, and wherever located to him or her. If _____ does not survive me, then I devise and bequeath ____% of my residuary estate, whether real or personal property and wherever located to _____ United Methodist Church, which has a federal tax identification number of _____, and a physical address of _____."

It is always advisable to consult with a qualified estate planning attorney when drafting your will to insure that your wishes for your family and for your charitable beneficiaries are properly documented.

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Please work with your attorney for further guidance.

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