



# Thinking of Creating a Gift in Your Will to Union Gospel Mission?

A charitable gift in your Will is such a powerful legacy of support for men and women as they courageously transform their lives, their families, and our communities. And we are so deeply grateful.

Creating a Will, and keeping it updated, is the best way to ensure your loved ones are taken care of in the way you intend, and can help your values live on in the future — but sometimes it can feel like a daunting task. The following information aims to make it easier, and help you determine your next steps.

## Concerned You Might Not Have Enough to Provide for a Gift?

If you are uncertain what your final assets will be, and wish to make sure your loved ones receive all that you intend, then a percentage of the leftovers of your Estate (what is remaining after debts and specific gifts in your Will have all been paid), may be the best option for you. These gifts, often referred to as Residual Gifts, specify a percentage of what is left over, such as, “25% percent of the residue of my Estate.” This allows you to provide for the lives UGM will touch in the future, while also providing for your loved ones. Sample wording:

*“I give to Union Gospel Mission – 601 E. Hastings St. Vancouver, BC, V6A 1J7 \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the residue of my Estate for its charitable purposes.”*

Every gift – whether large or small – has an impact on the lives of those we serve. Every Legacy helps, and we honour each and every one.

*You are invited to join the hundreds of UGM supporters who have already made Union Gospel Mission a part of their legacy through a gift in their Will.*

*These gifts will change lives.*



# Writing a New Will?

## First Steps

- 1. Make a list of your property (land, vehicles and other possessions).
- 2. Decide who you'd like to have as the executor of your Will. You should also consider naming an alternate in case your first choice is unable to act as Executor or complete the job.
- 3. Speak to a lawyer or get a self-help guide. A good one is *Write Your Legal Will in 3 Easy Steps* from the Self-Counsel Press. It is available at most Service BC (Government Agent) offices, many bookstores, and public libraries. The People's Law School also has an excellent online booklet, *Writing Your Will*.

Then, determine how you would like to share your assets for the future. If you wish to create a Legacy gift to Union Gospel Mission, you can consider a Residual gift (see reverse side), or a specific gift in your Will which designates an amount of cash or other asset(s):

*"I give to Union Gospel Mission – 601 E. Hastings St. Vancouver, BC, V6A 1J7 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or a description of the property or asset) for its charitable purposes."*

To include a gift in your Will to Union Gospel Mission, please ensure that your Will includes our correct legal name and address.

**Union Gospel Mission**  
**601 East Hastings St.**  
**Vancouver, BC, V6A 1J7**  
**Charitable #: 13190 2348 RR0001**

**By creating a Legacy of dignity and hope with a gift in your Will to Union Gospel Mission, you'll bring compassion, comfort and God's love to people working to overcome poverty, homelessness and addiction in their lives. You can have a profound impact for men, women and children in our community for years to come.**

## Next Steps

- 1. Your Will needs to be witnessed by two people who are age 19 or older. You should not have your Will witnessed by a person you are giving a gift to in the Will, or his or her spouse.
- 2. You must sign your Will at its end in front of the witnesses, who must be present at the same time. The witnesses must also sign your Will at that time.
- 3. Let your Executor know where you will be storing your Will. You need to store the original in a safe place. You may also wish to give your Executor a copy of it.
- 4. Finally, you should file a Wills Notice with the BC Vital Statistics Agency. The form can be picked up at most Service BC offices or completed online at Vital Statistics Agency Application Forms.

## Updating an Existing Will?

You can make a new Will at any time. Or you can change the Will you've made by signing a separate document, called a codicil.

To be legal, the codicil has to meet the same requirements as the Will. For example, it must be in writing, and be signed by you and two witnesses. You don't have to use the same two witnesses you used for your Will. The codicil must refer to the Will it is amending.

## Other Ways to Create a Legacy Gift

Gifts of Life Insurance, Beneficial interest in RRSPs and RRIFs, and Securities, can all help support UGM. We'd be happy to talk with you if you want more information about these options.

**If you have questions about Legacy Giving, need some assistance, or wish to go over the details of your gift, contact Francisca Ololo at 604.215.5441 ext. 328, fololo@ugm.ca, or visit [ugm.ca/legacy](http://ugm.ca/legacy).**