

Does The Upper Room want to know about my plans for a bequest? The Upper Room understands that your estate plans are a very private matter and that you may wish to keep them confidential. If however, you were willing to inform us of your plans, this knowledge would be very helpful to us as we determine long-range ministry and outreach plans. In addition, it would allow us the opportunity to thank you.

The amount of a bequest should be determined by your own charitable objectives. It is recommended you consult with loved ones and your estate planner when making bequest decisions.

THE UPPER ROOM

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Making a Bequest



Over the years, Upper Room Ministries has been blessed by persons who have included The Upper Room in their wills. Naming The Upper Room as a beneficiary in your will is a significant way to invest in the future of this ministry. Many donors consider a bequest as a way to round out a lifetime of giving to The Upper Room.

What may I bequeath to The Upper Room?

The most common gift is one of cash or securities. However, other types of property can be given through your will. These other types of property include real estate (such as your personal residence) and personal property (such as artwork, collectibles, and antiques). In addition, you can even give the remainder of your IRA, Keogh, tax-sheltered annuity, qualified pension or profit-sharing plan through your will.

Is it complicated to make a bequest to The Upper Room?

No. It is actually a simple process. Included below is the appropriate wording for three kinds of unrestricted bequests.

- A **Specific Bequest** is one where you direct a specific amount of cash or a specific asset to The Upper Room. Suggested wording for this type of bequest is:

I give and bequeath to The Upper Room of Nashville, TN, the sum of \$_____ (or specific property) to be used for its general purposes.

- A **Percentage Bequest** is one where you direct a set percentage of your estate be given to The Upper Room. Suggested wording for this type of bequest is:

I give and bequeath to The Upper Room of Nashville, TN, ____% of my estate to be used for its general purposes.

- A **Residuary Bequest** is one where you direct that the remainder of your estate be given to The Upper Room after all other bequests, debts, and taxes have been paid. Suggested wording for this type of bequest is:

I give and bequeath to The Upper Room of Nashville, TN, the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for its general purposes.

May I designate my bequest to a specific ministry of The Upper Room?

Yes. Designated gifts to support a specific Upper Room ministry are welcomed. To designate a bequest simply remove the words, “for its general purposes” from the examples above and replace it with one of the following phrases:

- for Upper Room Chaplains’ Ministry
- for Emmaus International
- for The Academy for Spiritual Formation
- for The Living Prayer Center
- for The Upper Room International Editions

Please feel free to contact us should you need additional information on designated gifts.

