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Estate Planning

According to the Book of Common Prayer (p. 445), *“the Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.”*

Bequests to St. Augustine’s are acts of hope for the future of our parish. Through God’s grace and your generosity, we will be well equipped to serve our community and fulfil our mission in generations to come.

The easiest and most common way of making a planned gift is through a bequest in your will. You can designate a *specific amount of money, a percentage of your estate, or a specific asset*. It is also possible to name St. Augustine's as a *contingent beneficiary* in your will, in this case the church receives the assets if there are no surviving beneficiaries. A bequest to the church is usually deductible from the value of your estate for tax purposes.

At St. Augustine’s you can also select which fund your gift will support:

- The **Endowment Fund** for the maintenance and repair of the buildings and grounds, and for projects of enduring character.
- The **Organ Fund** for the purchase of a new organ for the church, a project that has been delayed since our purpose-built organ was destroyed in the fire of 1966!
- The **General Fund** to support the mission and ministry of the church, our parish life, our outreach, our formation, and our fellowship.

To assist you when preparing your will, together with your attorney, we attach three sample forms of bequest for the three main types named above.

SAMPLE FORMS OF BEQUEST

Specific Amount:

I, _____, hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Frankfurter Str. 3, 65189 Wiesbaden, Germany, the sum of \$ _____ to be used at their discretion to assist in the ministries of the Church [or: to go to the _____ Fund to be used for the specific purposes of that fund].

Percentage Amount:

I, _____, hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Frankfurter Str. 3, 65189 Wiesbaden, Germany, ___ % of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, to be used at their discretion to assist in the ministries of the Church [or: to go to the _____ Fund to be used for the specific purposes of that fund].

Contingency Bequest:

In the event the beneficiaries of bequests and devised herein predecease me, or, in the case of institutions, cease to be organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,

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