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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.

There are two main ways of making planned gift to the church. St. Augustine's could be named as one of the heirs, with a fixed percentage of the estate, or you could designate a specific amount of money or asset as a bequest (“Vermächtnis”) for the church, for example

“Als Vermächtnis soll erhalten the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury e.V., Frankfurter Str. 3, 65195 Wiesbaden € xxxxxxxx.”

It is also possible to name St. Augustine's as a contingent beneficiary (“Ersatzerbe”) in your will, in this case the church receives the assets if there are no surviving family beneficiaries.

In any case, in Germany spouses/partners, family members and close relatives are primary heirs. They must receive at least half of the estate (“Pflichtteil”) and so other, “third party” bequests or inheritances are subsidiary. While it is possible to write your own will, we would recommend using a solicitor if you are considering including the church or other organisations in your will. As we are a registered charity (“gemeinnütziger Verein”) any bequest/or share of the estate designated for St. Augustine's is free of inheritance tax.

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.

Bank Account: IBAN: DE34 5109 0000 0007 7078 00, BIC: WIBADE5W, Wiesbadener Volksbank