

WYCLIFFE BIBLE BEQUESTS TRANSLATORS



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Bequests to Wycliffe are a key source of support for Bible translation. Each individual legacy contributes to the increasing funds needed to complete the translation task. Past bequests from supporters have helped millions of people come to knowledge of Jesus Christ. Future bequests will help ensure that lives continue to be transformed through the translated Scriptures. Your bequest will make an eternal difference in the lives of people by providing them with access to the Word of God in their own language.

A bequest is easy to arrange (see sample text below). It is not payable until death, so it does not affect your assets or cash flow during your lifetime. It is revocable—you can change the provisions in your will at any time. And, a bequest to Wycliffe qualifies for a donation receipt, which results in a credit on your final income tax return.

Ways to Include Wycliffe in Your Will

- You may designate a specific dollar-amount gift for us (a pecuniary bequest), or a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate (a specific bequest).
- You may make a bequest of all or a portion of your residuary estate (the balance remaining in the estate after debts and taxes have been satisfied and specific bequests have been paid). Many donors find that remembering us through a residual bequest gives them more flexibility in their long-term planning.
- You may make Wycliffe a contingent beneficiary of your estate by stipulating that Wycliffe will receive all or a portion of your estate if your named beneficiaries do not survive you.
- You may make Wycliffe the remainder beneficiary of a trust that you have established in your will, or during your life, to provide income to friends or family members. Wycliffe would receive the principal of the trust at the death of the last surviving beneficiary. A trust arrangement may include either a charitable remainder trust or a spousal trust that pays all income to your spouse for his or her life.

Suggested Text for a Bequest

- A general bequest: “I give (a specific asset) or (\$__ dollars) or (__ per cent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate) to Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada, Inc., a registered Canadian charitable organization located in Calgary, Alberta, for its general purposes.”

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Translating Scripture, Transforming Lives



- A bequest for a specific purpose: “I give (a specific asset) or (\$__ dollars) or (__ per cent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate) to Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada, Inc, a registered Canadian charitable organization located in Calgary, Alberta, to be used for the following purpose: _____.”

Could Our Needs Change?

For all the constancy of its mission, Wycliffe’s activities and programs can change over time, and current needs may not be the same as those in the future. We thus ask you to contact our Gift Planning Office if you are contemplating a bequest for a specific purpose or project. In addition, it is prudent to grant Wycliffe flexibility to respond to unforeseen circumstances by including this language in your specific bequest: “If at any time in the judgment of the Board of Directors of Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada, Inc. it becomes impossible or impracticable to carry out exactly the designated purpose of this bequest, the Board shall have the authority to determine an alternative purpose as near as possible to the designated purpose.”

What If You’ve Already Written Your Will?

You can amend a will or trust to make a gift to us. Your lawyer or notary can prepare a simple document called a codicil that adds a new bequest to us while reaffirming the other terms of your will. Similarly, he can prepare an amendment to your trust document to add us as a beneficiary.

Informing Wycliffe of Your Bequest Intentions

We recognize that bequest intentions are a personal matter that you may wish to keep confidential. However, if you are willing to share them, Wycliffe would be very pleased to acknowledge your intentions. In addition to the opportunity it would give us to thank you for your generosity during your lifetime, it would give us the chance to discuss with you how you would like to be kept informed about Wycliffe’s contribution to the Bible translation task.

If you are considering a bequest or other giving options, e-mail us at giftplanning@wycliffe.ca, or call us at 1-800-463-1143, or visit our website at www.wycliffe.ca/donate, so that we can assist you through every step of the process.



Past bequests from supporters have helped millions of people receive God’s Word.



Partners in Bible Translation