

What will your legacy be?

TOP 7 EXCUSES FOR NOT HAVING A WILL

1. "I'll get to it next month."

Procrastination delays decisions.

2. "My estate is too small."

You may wish to give certain possessions to certain people or to make a charitable bequest to an organization.

3. "My family will carry out my wishes."

They may not know the desired distribution of your estate or your charitable intentions, nor can they make the distribution by law.

4. "I have no dependents."

Even without them, you have the opportunity to give thought to how your estate will be distributed.

5. "It will cost too much."

Making a Will does not have to be expensive; call around for estimated costs.

6. "I've got plenty of time to do that."

Avoiding making an estate plan will not prolong your life one single day.

7. "Where do I start?"

It can be overwhelming. A financial advisor, your lawyer or other trusted advisor can offer help.



FIVE STEPS TO CREATING YOUR ESTATE PLAN

1. Make a list of everything you own. (This includes cash, real estate, investments, insurance policies, retirement accounts, tangible personal property, etc.)
2. Make a list of the people and charities that are important to you.
3. Decide who you want to give your possessions.
4. Name a trusted friend or financial institution as your personal representative to carry out your wishes.
5. Contact an attorney qualified to put your wishes into a legal document, usually a Will or Trust.

Most people have peace of mind once they have completed their estate plan. You should review your plan every few years or when there are life changes, like births, marriages and deaths, in your family.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 3:10-11

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LEAVING A LEGACY

MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH and Its Affiliated Organizations

THE MINISTRIES OF MOUNT OLIVET



LEAVE YOUR LEGACY FOR THE MINISTRIES OF MOUNT OLIVET



LEAVE YOUR LEGACY FOR THE MOUNT OLIVET FAMILY

MOUNT OLIVET CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

Nurturing spiritual, emotional and intellectual growth in a country setting near Farmington.

"The Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center is dear to me. I feel God's presence with me as I enjoy the beauty and serenity of this special place. I am pleased to leave a bequest in my Will so future generations have this spiritual experience"

Gladys Hokans, 1906-2005
A Mount Olivet Vision Partner since 1997



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Expanding throughout the Twin Cities region, the mission center for all Mount Olivet related ministries is one servant congregation located on two campuses, Victoria and Minneapolis.



"Tania and I have decided to include Mount Olivet Church as one of our life insurance beneficiaries. Doing so will ensure that long after we are gone from this earth that we've done our part to help all the ministries of the church stay strong and vibrant. For a church that has done so much for so many people over so many years—including for us personally—we rejoice in making this decision!"

Pastors Bob Wertz and Tania Haber

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

Inspiring faith and forming friendships for young people in a northwoods setting on Lake Caribou.

"Cathedral of the Pines has always had a special place in my heart because I love children. Camp provided a wonderful spiritual foundation for both my daughter



and granddaughter. I am pleased that my charitable gift annuity will ultimately benefit this important ministry so future campers will have the same strong religious upbringing."

Evelyn Dangers

"Returning home from a day a

MOUNT OLIVET DAY SERVICES

Mount Olivet Day Services (MODS), Dad would be full of vitality.

Serving children and seniors in an intergenerational day program on two campuses in south Minneapolis.

He loved taking part in the program and even called MODS his home away from home. We were pleased that he left a gift in his estate that provides yearly music programs for participants."

Bob and Brian Glass, sons of Kenneth Glass



MOUNT OLIVET ROLLING ACRES

Serving people with developmental and other disabilities in the Twin Cities.

"We feel blessed to be active members of the Mount Olivet family and are grateful to further support through our estate plan. We applaud Mount Olivet's vision and

leadership in developing programs that serve underprivileged people. As Mount Olivet Vision Partners, we know our future gift will be a good

investment back to the community and will be used responsibly."

Sandy & Greg Thompson



Our faith teaches us that all our blessings come from God and that giving back to our church and its affiliated ministries is our responsibility as Christians. It is also a way to perpetuate our values and what has been important to us during our lifetime so we can shape the kind of legacy we leave.

Planned giving is the thoughtful process people use to determine where their assets will go when they die. In the Mount Olivet family, planned gifts are needed to help:

- build our Endowment Funds;
- provide support for new ministry;
- provide resources for capital improvements;
- balance annual budgets.

After caring for your loved ones, the Board of Planned Giving encourages you to make a planned gift for:

Mount Olivet Church, Cathedral of the Pines Camp, Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, Mount Olivet Day Services, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres or the Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center.

MOUNT OLIVET HOME

Serving people in a board and care facility in south Minneapolis.



"I have always had an interest in Mount Olivet Home and Mount Olivet Careview Home. I am pleased that through my estate plan I am able to contribute to the high quality care, both physically and spiritually, that is offered to the residents."

MOUNT OLIVET CAREVIEW HOME

Serving people in a skilled long-term care facility in south Minneapolis.

A Mount Olivet Vision Partner wishing to remain anonymous



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