

Suggested Wording for Making a Bequest in a Will

The wording in the will could be any of the following examples:

I give the sum of \$_____ to [The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster] of [1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6H 2E2]

I bequeath the sum of \$_____ to [The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster] of [1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6H 2E2]

I give (or I bequeath) the sum of \$_____ to [The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster] of [1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6H 2E2] to be used for [STATE THE PURPOSE]

I give (or I bequeath) the sum of \$_____ to [The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster] of [1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6H 2E2] to be added to the [NAME OF FUND].

I give (or I bequeath) the sum of \$_____ to [The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster] of [1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6H 2E2] for the Diocese's [NAME OF FUND].

I give (or I bequeath) the sum of \$_____ to [The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster] of [1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6H 2E2] to be used in the as the Diocesan Council shall, by a 3/4 majority, decide.

The above gifts will go to our Diocese.

When making a gift for a stated purpose, please avoid being too narrow. For instance, "for lighting in the church" is far broader than "for gas-powered lighting in the church" or for "LED lighting in the church." If it is to go to a special fund, please make sure the fund exists. Examples might be "to be added to the Anglican Initiatives Fund."

I would appreciate it if you could make sure the name of the Diocese is correct (or at least close) and include the Diocesan address. When a gift is made in a will, and it is unclear who it is supposed to go to, a judge will try to figure it out. If they cannot, the gift will fail EXCEPT if the gift was for a charitable purpose, then the judge will invoke the *cy-près* doctrine (When the original objective of the settlor or the testator became impossible, impracticable, or illegal to perform, the *cy-près* doctrine allows the court to amend the terms of the charitable trust as closely as possible to the original intention of the testator or settlor to prevent the trust from failing.)



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