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## **Thinking about death**

This is hard to do and difficult to talk about. As Christ's people, however, we have the sure and certain hope of everlasting life in his Kingdom. As we think about death it is right to ensure our family and loved ones are provided for in our wills. Many people also like to leave money or gifts to gospel causes which they supported through their lives.

Leaving a gift to the Bonar Trust in your will results in giving which extends beyond your own lifetime, blessing future generations of God's people.

## **Prayerful consideration**

Prayerfully consider how God has blessed you in this life. What are the needs you see before you, both in your family and loved ones but also in the society around you and in the church? What kind of spiritual legacy are you leaving for future generations? Will your resources and finances contribute to the ongoing work of the gospel after you have died and gone to be with the Lord?

## Prioritise your estate

There are five main ways you can leave a legacy to the Bonar Trust in your will.

- **A Pecuniary Legacy:** This is deciding to leave a fixed sum of money to the Bonar Trust and including that in your will. This is the simplest way to leave a legacy gift but has the disadvantage of possibly losing value over time due to inflation.
- **A Specific Legacy:** This is leaving specific items you own to the Bonar Trust, e.g., your house, land, paintings, car, etc. This means the Trust receives the value of your gift at the time of your death, negating the effects of inflation.
- **A Precatory Bequest:** This is leaving a sum to an individual with a request that he/she gifts it to the Bonar Trust. It is beneficially treated for tax purposes as the gift is exempt from Inheritance Tax, and the individual can claim Income Tax relief. The Bonar Trust can also reclaim tax if the payment is made under the Gift Aid Scheme.
- **A Residuary Bequest:** This is leaving all or part of your estate which remains after any debts or other expenses have been paid.
- **A Reversionary Bequest:** This is leaving your estate to someone who makes use of it during their lifetime. After their death the estate is then left to the Bonar Trust.

## What next?

If you have prayerfully decided to leave a legacy gift to the Bonar Trust:

- Speak to a lawyer about making a will and leaving a legacy gift as part of your will.
- If you have already made a will, the simplest way to leave a legacy is to make a change in your will using a codicil. A codicil simply adds an extra instruction or replaces existing provisions with new directives and avoids the necessity and cost of making a new will. This can be done by speaking to a lawyer.
- You may also wish to speak to your family or next of kin so they are aware of your decision.
- It would be helpful if you could inform the Trust of your decision at the time of making your will. This will remain confidential.

## Information your lawyer may need:

- The type of legacy you intend to leave to the Bonar Trust.
- Scottish Charity Number: SC040949
- Registered address: 2 Galachlawside, Edinburgh, EH10 7JG

If you would like help with identifying a suitable solicitor who can provide advice on writing a will, please contact one of the Trustees (details below) and they will be happy to help.

## Investing in the next generation of leaders for the Church in Scotland

The spiritual needs we face in Scotland are huge. Training the next generation of church leaders and gospel workers is a key factor in responding to these needs. Since its launch in 2009 the Trust has supported over 100 people and churches, many of whom are now in leadership roles. The Trust wants to invest in future leaders who will themselves be trainers, developing a network of training churches across Scotland. Each year the Trust's work is expanding as this vision for training spreads.

## Leaving a legacy could make a significant investment in the next generation of leaders for the Church in Scotland

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

*Romans 10:13-15*

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