

Make Jesus known with a gift in your will

Why it matters – and how to make it happen





“I never came to uni expecting to be involved in mission, but joining the CU gave me the excitement and encouragement to get going!”

Student at Durham University

Thank you for your interest in helping us to make disciples in the student world with a gift in your will. This booklet explains how you can continue to be part of this gospel ministry. It includes information about how to include a gift in your will and what your gift can achieve.

Your will is one of the most important documents you'll ever write. It ensures your loved ones are looked after when you're no longer around and that your final wishes are respected.

Once your family and friends have been included, your will is also a way for you to continue to support a cause close to your heart. More and more people today are including a gift to charity in their will.

You don't have to be rich to do this. Every gift will be used to make a difference to the missional impact of the Christian Unions. UCCF's ministry depends on this type of gift.

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I believe UCCF to be one of the most strategic evangelical ministries of our day, reaching young adults at a critical stage in their life before they begin to make decisions about marriage, career, priorities and everything else that defines an adult life.

My wife and I want to ensure that this ministry continues into the next generation of students and beyond, long after we are still able to be involved ourselves. We knew that one of the best ways to do this was to make provision for UCCF in our will so that our earthly goods can be translated into financial support for this work when we no longer need them, we wholeheartedly commend this action to you as fellow gospel workers.

Dr Oliver Barclay, UCCF General Secretary, 1964–1980

Why UCCF?

We believe that every student should be given the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Staff Workers and Relay Workers are passionate to see students come to know Jesus, and work tirelessly to equip Christian Unions to reach their campus with the gospel. We're amazed by the way God continues to work in universities across Great Britain.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who chooses to remember UCCF in their will. We recognise that it is a great statement of trust in our work and we take our responsibility to be good stewards of your donation very seriously.



What can your gift achieve?

Every gift we receive has a significant impact on the support we give to Christian Unions in their witness for Christ.

£500 trains seven new CU leaders in campus mission

£1,000 gives a student one term of one-to-one discipleship training with a Staff Worker

£2,000 equips a new Staff Worker with the books and resources they need to train CU students

£5,000 places a Staff Worker alongside a CU for two months



What can you leave?

There are three types of gift you can leave in your will:

A residuary gift – this is a share of your total estate after all other payments have been made (such as lifetime debts, tax, gifts to family and friends, and administrative expenses). Because a residuary gift is a percentage of your estate it will keep its value over time.

A pecuniary gift – this is a fixed amount of money that you leave in your will. Inflation can gradually reduce the gift's value and mean your gift is less powerful than you intend, so it is a good idea to regularly review pecuniary gifts.

A specific gift – you can leave a particular item of value – such as personal possessions, property or shares. It is helpful if the terms of such a gift allow discretion to UCCF as to how we proceed with the sale or use of such items.

When deciding what type of bequest to make, it helps to have a clear idea of your personal assets so you can work out what would best suit your situation.

To ensure maximum flexibility, we would encourage anyone leaving UCCF a gift in their will to give no restrictions as to its use. This will enable us to use the gift wherever the need is greatest to further our ministry with students.





“Since moving to England, I’ve not met people as welcoming as the CU. They loved me and made me part of their family, even though they’d just met me. I don’t know much about what Jesus is like but I think that’s what He must be like. I want to learn if it’s true, I want to know why He makes people like this. It seems like He came from outside the world to make everything right.”

Student at the University of Portsmouth

What next?

If you are looking at writing or reviewing your will then it is important to seek independent legal advice. The cost of drawing up a simple will should not be large; a solicitor will ensure that legal formalities are followed and that you will feel comfortable about the content of your will. You can find a local solicitor through the Law Society at www.lawsociety.org.uk.

Your solicitor will be able to supply the correct wording to include a charitable gift in your will. Alternatively, if you have written your will, your solicitor will be able to advise you on the best way to make changes or additions to your will to ensure your wishes will be carried out.



Key information

To remember UCCF in your will you will need our full name, address and registered charity number which are as follows:

UCCF: The Christian Unions
Blue Boar House
5 Blue Boar Street
Oxford
OX1 4EE

Registered Charity number
306137 (England & Wales) and
SC038499 (Scotland)



Our promise to you

- We'll answer any questions honestly and quickly.
- We won't put you under any pressure – this is a big decision so please think, pray and decide in your own time.
- Your loved ones come first – we respect that and won't try to change it.
- We'll use your special gift wisely and effectively.
- You don't have to tell us your decision – we respect your right to privacy.



If you have any further questions on remembering UCCF in your will and would like to speak to someone in UCCF, please contact Daniel Stafford, UCCF's Fundraising Manager, on 01865 253655 or dstafford@uccf.org.uk. We can't offer legal advice but would be very happy to talk about the impact your gift might make on our ministry and would love to thank you for your vital contribution.

Thank you so much for considering leaving a gift to UCCF in your will. We are incredibly grateful for your partnership with us in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ in the student world.



“We both started at Bristol University in 2002 and soon got stuck into CU life. It was there that we received loads of great input and training, which helped us both grow and mature as Christians. ... We feel it [UCCF] is going in a really positive direction. This is important to us because the gift we plan to leave will (hopefully) not be made for a few years yet. We love that UCCF is an organisation that seeks to face the challenges of presenting the gospel in an increasingly hostile environment, and to equip students to do the same, without compromising on truth or forgetting about grace.”

Hannah Cordle, UCCF Staff Worker, 2008–2011

I want to support CUs with a legacy



If you would like UCCF to know of your intentions, please complete this response slip and return it to 'FREEPOST UCCF'

Title: Full name:

Address:

I intend to remember / have remembered UCCF in my will.

There is no need to give any further details about your gift, but if you would like to do so, please use the space below:

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