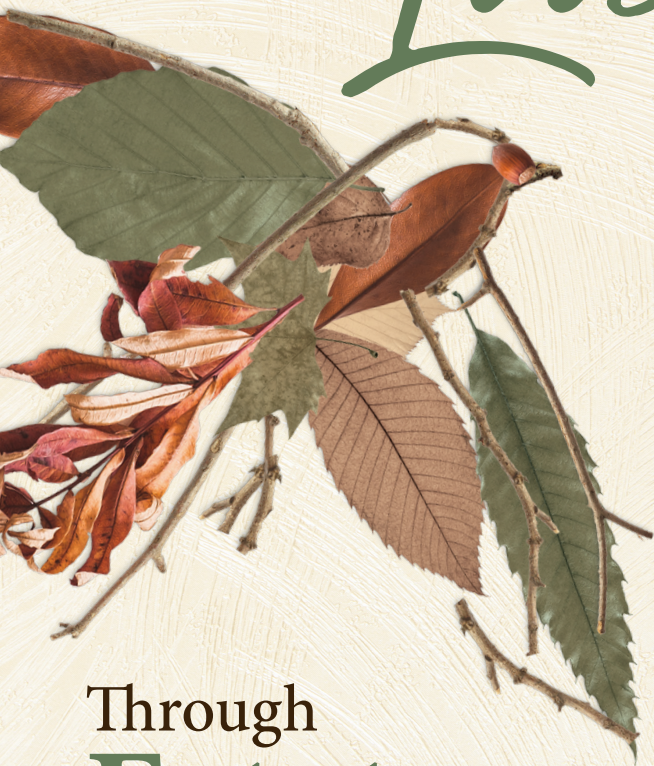


Creating Your

Legacy
of *Love*



Through

Estate

Planning

Your Legacy of Love Can Give Hope and Inspiration to Others

Estate planning is important for everyone, regardless of the size of your estate. By creating your legacy, you can ensure your values live on while making a positive difference in the lives of others and in your life right now. As people are changed, the world will also change ... for the better.


This brochure explains the benefits of including Unity in your estate plans. You will also learn about the steps needed to begin the process.

“I have been blessed for 48 years through the *Daily Word*® devotional magazine. Through the good times and bad times Silent Unity® has been there for me! It is a privilege to include Silent Unity in my living will to make sure that it continues to bless people around the world!” —Alyce, Tennessee



Benefits of Including Unity in Your Estate Plans

There are several benefits of including Unity in your will:

- Your bequest creates a lasting legacy of support for Unity and its important spiritual work, providing hope and inspiration to people throughout the world.
 - It allows you to make a significant contribution that you might not have been able to make during your lifetime.
 - Your bequest assures you that your gift will make a difference in the world, no matter what you are able to give.
 - There are also estate tax benefits of making a bequest. One of the best ways to save on federal estate taxes is to provide for a charitable bequest in your will. Gifts to Unity, a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Federal Tax ID # 44-0546000), are deductible from the taxable portion of your estate.
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How to Get Started

We recommend that you consult a knowledgeable estate-planning attorney. While a will does not have to be written by an attorney to be valid, it might not cover as many contingencies or address the prospective tax issues that an estate attorney would understand. The attorney's fee for drafting a will could more than pay for itself in savings and peace of mind later on.



How to Find an Attorney

Attorneys specialize in particular areas of the law, just as physicians specialize in particular areas of medicine. Often a friend or relative can refer you to an estate-planning attorney to draft a will. An accountant, bank trust officer, or life insurance agent can also give you the names of good estate-planning attorneys. Referral services sponsored by local or state bar associations are also very helpful and can suggest an attorney with an estate-planning practice. Ask in advance for an estimate of the charge, although it may vary according to the length and terms of your will.

Since the information in this brochure is general, you should consult with your attorney on how it relates to your specific situation.





Ways to Include Unity in Your Estate Plans

You have several options when it comes to remembering Unity in your will.

Specific Bequest

You may decide to leave a specific dollar amount to Unity or a specific item of property. This can be accomplished using the following wording in your will:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to Unity School of Christianity, DBA Unity World Headquarters, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065-0001, Federal Tax ID # 44-0546000, the sum of \$_____.”

Or

“I give, devise, and bequeath to Unity School of Christianity, DBA Unity World Headquarters, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065-0001, Federal Tax ID # 44-0546000, _____ shares of

for the work of Silent Unity, *Daily Word*, or wherever needed most.”

Residual Bequest

You can be sure to provide for your family and friends first, but still leave Unity the balance of your estate after your other beneficiaries have received their gifts. The language for this kind of bequest might read as follows:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to Unity School of Christianity, DBA Unity World Headquarters, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065-0001, Federal Tax ID # 44-0546000, _____ %
(or all) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate.”

Contingent Bequest

You may wish to include Unity as a beneficiary in your will only under certain circumstances. For instance, you may wish to name Unity as a beneficiary of your estate if certain named individuals do not survive you. The language for this kind of contingent bequest might be as follows:

“If any or all of my beneficiaries do not survive me, I give, devise, and bequeath the share that otherwise would be (his/hers/theirs) to Unity School of Christianity, DBA Unity World Headquarters, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065-0001, Federal Tax ID # 44-0546000.”



We would be pleased to provide you with additional information on how gift planning can benefit you in your overall estate plan. For more information, please contact the Unity Development Department at:

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When you want to leave a legacy gift to Unity, our legal name is **Unity School of Christianity**, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065—Federal Tax ID # 44-0546000.





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