

## For Such a Time as This

It came at just the right time! Our small Maine church was fundraising to reach our community, upgrade technology, and improve the building—when the parsonage furnace suddenly needed replacement.

I walked to the mailbox and opened a letter: Nancy had named the church in her will. When God moved her to include us, He was answering a prayer we hadn't yet prayed.

– **Jon Twitchell**

Executive Vice President

## How Do I Start My Estate Plan?

Our goal is for every Nazarene to have an adequate plan for their situation, so we have provided an online tool for those in the United States to complete a free will or living trust.

Those with simple estates should be able to draft a will or living trust in under an hour that they can take to a local attorney for review. Those with complicated estates can download our free “Christian Guide to Will and Trusts” to help you consider your estate plan before meeting with an attorney.

Visit [nazarenefoundation.org/wills](https://nazarenefoundation.org/wills) or scan this code to get started today!



## Contact us

To connect with our team of professional gift planners and learn more about making a gift through the Foundation, please reach out to us using the contact information below:



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We recommend consultation with an attorney before executing any documents.

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# WILLS, BEQUESTS, & TRUSTS



## Fulfilling Our Call for Faithful Stewardship



## Why Do I Need a Plan?

While you cannot control the future, you can find peace by making a plan. A written estate plan allows you to manage your assets, provide for loved ones, and name guardians for minor children.

Proverbs 15:22 teaches, "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisors, they succeed." The Nazarene Foundation offers resources to guide your estate planning. This brochure is a great place to start.



## What Considerations Need to Be Made?

### Do I need a will or trust?

While a will communicates wishes for how your property and assets will be managed, a living trust is an entity that can own assets and real estate. Living trusts are useful for those who wish to bypass probate, ensure privacy, or extend control of assets for a period of time beyond their life.

### When should I review my estate plan?

A good rule of thumb is every five years or when a significant life event occurs. Some examples include births, deaths, changes in marital status, and changes in income or real estate ownership.

### What other important documents do I need?

You may also consider completing a durable power of attorney, a power of attorney for healthcare, an advance healthcare directive, and beneficiary documents.

## How Can I Make a Bequest to Ministry?


We hope you consider modeling generosity to your family and your church through your estate plan. A charitable bequest helps you to leave a spiritual legacy. You can:


- Specify a bequest of any dollar amount, specific property, or percentage of your estate in your will or trust.
- Make a gift of your IRA or 401(k) plan by filling out a beneficiary designation form provided by your plan administrator.
- Leave non-cash gifts such as stock or real estate to ministry.


We recommend directing charitable bequests to the Church of the Nazarene Foundation and completing a Letter of Understanding. This allows you to support multiple ministries with one gift, update giving without changing your estate plan, or create a lasting endowment.



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