

What Should You Do With Your Completed Will?

Executors do not need to know what the will contains until after your death, but they do need to know where to find the original will. Provide a safe place from which the will can be retrieved by the executors after your death and tell them where it is.

You could also provide copies of your will to your executors, and to the branch office, though your executors will still need access to the original.

Contact

If you have any questions please contact the branch office:

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Thank You

Likely you have done much to support the lifesaving worldwide work of Jehovah's Witnesses during your lifetime. Mentioning us in your will can also greatly help this work after your death. We thank you for enquiring about this important way of demonstrating your love for Jehovah.—Luke 21:1-4.

Making a Bequest Supporting the Worldwide Work of Jehovah's Witnesses



*"This good news of the kingdom will be preached
... for a witness to all the nations."
—Matt. 24:14.*

This leaflet provides helpful information for those enquiring about making a bequest supporting the worldwide work of Jehovah's Witnesses. Jehovah's Witnesses do not solicit funds.—2 Cor. 9:7.

Why Make a Will?

A professionally drawn will is the best way of ensuring that your wishes regarding what you own are known and followed after you die. It helps prevent disputes over your estate.

Consult a Solicitor

Even if your wishes are simple, if you are leaving money to the worldwide work, we strongly recommend that the will be drawn up by a solicitor or professional will writer. The fee they charge is worth the safeguard against mistakes that could invalidate your will.

Mentioning Jehovah's Witnesses

To make a bequest to the worldwide work of Jehovah's Witnesses, please cite, "The International Bible Students Association, The Ridgeway, London NW7 1RN. Charity No. 216647."

IBSA and Watch Tower cooperate together in the interests of the worldwide work.

You can also mention your local congregation as a beneficiary.

No Tax

IBSA is a registered charity and therefore your bequest will be

received tax-free. There will be no inheritance tax, or other forms of tax on the part of the estate you leave to the worldwide work.

Who Should Be Executors?

You should choose trusted persons or a solicitor that can wind up your affairs, collect assets, pay legal debts and taxes and explicitly carry out instructions in the will.

The International Bible Students Association should not be named as executor.

Who Should Witness the Will?

Because of the complexities associated with the preparation of a will, it is imperative that professional advice be sought when taking this step. A solicitor should be well equipped to provide guidance on the witnessing of a will.



What Can Be Bequeathed?

You can bequeath for example:

- The whole or a percentage of the residue (what is left of your estate after paying expenses, debts and legacies) of your estate.
- A fixed sum.
- The proceeds of a nominated insurance policy, etc.
- A specific asset such as a house.