

## *'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...'*

*Matthew 28:19*

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Just like in the local church, the vast majority of our funding comes through the faithful giving of people like you who share our vision for growing healthy churches in relationship for God's mission. Your giving makes a real difference. By leaving a gift in your will you can give something that will be a lasting legacy for the Kingdom.



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Jesus tells us that the fields are white for the harvest. We can see so many opportunities around us in our communities and, as Baptists Together, we are trusting God to supply the resources we need to reach out in creative and innovative ways to those who don't yet follow Jesus. I would like to encourage you to consider prayerfully, in conjunction with your loved ones, remembering Baptists Together in your will. Your gift could make a lasting difference that will touch and change lives and communities.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Green".

**Lynn Green**  
**General Secretary, Baptist Union of Great Britain**

**Why plan a will?** Your will is one of the most significant documents you will ever have. Whatever your stage in life, it is important to have a will and to keep it up to date. Even if you think that your estate has little value, a will means that at your death your estate will be distributed to the people and organisations you care about, in line with your wishes.

It is important to know that marriage automatically revokes an existing will (unless it was drafted in contemplation of marriage) and parents of children under 18 years old should also use their wills to appoint Guardians for their children, should anything happen to both parents.

A gift to Baptists Together from your estate will have a lasting impact and will help Baptist churches to support and transform future generations. You can use your will to do something extraordinary!

We suggest you consider the following steps to make a will.

**1 Choose your Executor(s).** You can appoint up to four Executors who can be your spouse, family, friends or professional advisors. These individuals are named in your will and will be responsible for your estate and carrying out your instructions in the will. It is sensible to name at least two Executors in case one is unable to act when the time comes and it is advisable to discuss the appointment with them to ensure that they are happy to take on the role.

**2 Decide who will benefit from your will.** Naturally you may want to look after your family and loved ones first, but by also considering the work of Baptists Together your gift will continue to make a difference in people's lives, churches and communities. A gift can be any of the following:

- **A gift of a particular item**, eg a painting or jewellery
- **A sum of money** for example Mrs C left Baptists Together £10,000
- **A share of your residue** (which is your whole estate after the specific gifts have been distributed and debts paid)

**3 Write your will.** Baptists Together is a member of The National Free Wills Network  which enables us to offer to pay for a limited number of 'simple' wills through participating solicitors. Whilst there's no obligation to include a bequest to us, we sincerely hope that you will be able to do so. The programme is for people aged 60 and over and includes mirror wills for husbands and wives.

**4 Store your will in a safe place**, perhaps with your Solicitor, and make sure that your Executors and family know where the original document is.

**5 Consider telling Baptists Together** your intentions to help us better plan our future support of churches and projects using the Legacy Pledge Form found on our website. Please visit [baptist.org.uk/legacy](http://baptist.org.uk/legacy)



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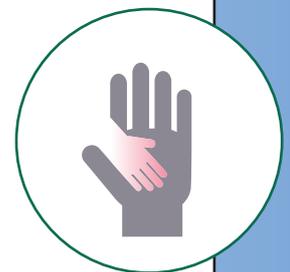


**A Kingdom legacy would be invested in these key areas**

**Pioneering and church planting**



**Equipping local churches for mission**



**Investing in Godly leadership**



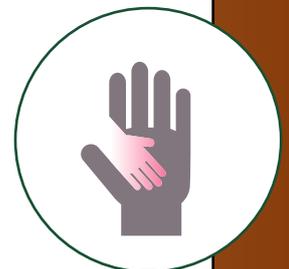
**Enabling a Baptist voice in the 'public square', nationally and internationally**

## Have you considered leaving a legacy to your local church?

Making and reviewing your will is an important part of Christian giving and stewardship. Many of us give regularly to our church from our income so leaving a gift from your estate can be seen as a natural progression of being a good steward of God's material blessings.



Lynn Green says 'we look to our **churches, Ministers, and any other Christ-following communities who form Baptists Together** to be faithful in discerning the mind of Christ through Scripture; actively celebrating, sharing and embodying the Good News of Jesus Christ in our world in their own context. They choose to covenant together in order to encourage and 'spur one another on' for the sake of the Gospel, release resources for the Kingdom and receive the wisdom, resourcing and expertise of the wider Baptist family'.



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# helping you plan

**We're here to give you a helping hand as you plan your next step.**

If you have decided that you would like to further God's work through a lasting gift in your will to Baptists Together, it should be carefully drafted.

If you already have a will and want to make a minor amendment to it you can use a Codicil, which should then be kept with your will. If you want to make significant changes to your existing will it might be more practical to make a new one.



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**If you would like to explore this offer please enter the details below and ask your Minister or Church Secretary to support your application. Then return it in the Freepost envelope provided. Alternatively please email a scanned copy to [legacy@baptist.org.uk](mailto:legacy@baptist.org.uk)**



**Please complete form in black ink and CAPITALS**

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**Signed (Minister or Church Secretary):** \_\_\_\_\_

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