

A GUIDE TO INCLUDING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

# Gift in Your Will

PLANTING  
FAITHFUL  
SEEDS  
FOR  
ETERNAL  
IMPACT



One generation commends  
your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendor  
of your majesty—and I will meditate  
on your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of your  
awesome works—and I will  
proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant  
goodness and joyfully sing of  
your righteousness.

PSALM 145







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## Passing on the Flame of Mission

The Church Missionary Society was founded in 1799 to share the “treasures of the Gospel more precious than silver or gold.” For generations, NZCMS has sent missionaries to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Our mission has been fueled by the prayers and generosity of New Zealand Christians.

It is a privilege to be part of the ongoing ministry at NZCMS. For me, this started through praying and giving, and then serving as a Mission Partner in Egypt. In my current role as National Director, I’ve witnessed the generosity of the Church. I’ve seen first-hand how important gifts in Wills are to NZCMS; enabling us to launch new initiatives such as supporting Māori evangelists, and to be generous when the unexpected happens like the COVID crisis.

In writing this gifts in Will guide, I have reflected on the generations who have prayed, given, and lived out God’s mission through NZCMS. Psalm 145 describes how one generation tells the next of God’s awesome work and great deeds. My prayer is that NZCMS would continue to flourish into the future, and pass on the flame of mission to future generations.

Thank you for partnering with us in mission. Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss gifts in Wills further.

May the Lord bless you,  
*Rosie Fyfe, NZCMS National Director*











## Including a Gift to NZCMS

NZCMS is passionate about seeing lives transformed by the Gospel.

The story of CMS in New Zealand dates back to 1814 when the Gospel was first preached. The Gospel had a transformative impact as many Māori became followers of Jesus.

The New Zealand branch of CMS was established in 1892 to take 'our share in the evangelisation of the world.' Since then, NZCMS has sent missionaries around the world who have had Gospel impact and seen lives transformed.

NZCMS today continues to send Mission Partners globally – taking the Gospel to places where Christ is not yet known and serving alongside local believers. We seek to inspire and resource the New Zealand Church for mission. We have a particular focus on engaging young people in mission, and in cross-cultural mission in our own neighbourhoods. Our vision is to see the whole church taking part in God's mission, whether across the world or down the street.

NZCMS is a community of passionate Christians, wanting to see Gospel impact in the world and in New Zealand. We know that the timeline of God's mission is greater than a single lifetime, but across countless generations.

The opportunity to include a gift in your Will is an opportunity to see generational impact far beyond one lifetime.

You will be planting a seed of faithfulness that will grow to allow us to continue our work of sending people into God's mission generation after generation.



# The Difference your Gift can Make

Over the years, NZCMS has gratefully received gifts in Wills. These are a huge encouragement to, and a significant enabler of, our partners and projects.

One way NZCMS uses these gifts is to start strategic new initiatives, such as the Māori evangelist initiative and the Better World gap year program.



## Māori Evangelist Initiative

In 2018, NZCMS was invited to partner with the Māori Anglican Church to send a new generation of Māori evangelists to proclaim the Gospel in their own contexts. Using previously donated gifts, NZCMS initially seed-funded half of two full-time roles. The initiative has grown and the evangelists have seen much fruit, and now other funders have contributed enabling us to continue this initiative.



## Youth Initiative: Better World Gap Year

One of the Better World participants, Anna Smart, whose grandparents were CMS missionaries describes this gap year as deeply formational: “an invaluable and unique opportunity to reflect on the brokenness of our world and our role joining with God in mission.”

NZCMS is grateful that we can launch these new initiatives because of the generosity of those in our community. They have strengthened NZCMS to plan, fund, and manage emerging strategic priorities, and extend our reach to go further and do more.

## The Difference your Gift can make

NZCMS has also planned ahead to ensure we have what is needed to flourish in the future. Gifts in Wills build our financial resilience to sustain our core mission, and enable us to continue to catalyse mission into the future. Your generosity will result in even more people discerning Jesus, growing in their faith, and becoming disciples to serve the world around them.

There are a number of ways to plan your response to God’s blessing through your current and future support of NZCMS. A gift in your Will, is one way, and an opportunity to create a lasting legacy. With your continued support and partnership, we can navigate mission together into the future.







# Seeds of Faithfulness Planted

By including a Gift in your Will to NZCMS, you are planting a seed that will impact future generations. Below are stories from members of our community who have planted these seeds.



**“I have a longing for Māori to know the Lord”**

## Melva and Edna Brooker

Melva and Edna Brooker are sisters who grew up in north Canterbury. Since childhood Edna felt a call to serve in global mission.

As a registered nurse Edna joined the NZCMS work in the remote Northern Territory of Australia. As the first missionary nurse in an isolated area her role was expansive and varied to help meet the needs of the local community. This was her life’s work and she was awarded an MBE in recognition of her dedication to health services in Australia.

Melva was equally committed to mission and supported Edna faithfully and prayerfully. Alongside Edna, Melva also helped the community when she visited Edna by using her knowledge and skill as a dental nurse. At home she served on the NZCMS Christchurch branch committee.

Edna and Melva’s connection to the Church Missionary Society dates even further back than their own faithful service. Their great grandmother Rebecca arrived in New Zealand in 1836, and served as a nurse with the CMS Mission Station in Tauranga and made deep friendships with Māori.

A gift in Melva’s Will contributed to the seed funding for the Māori Evangelist initiative. This gift honours the enduring legacy of her family across the generations.

Edna has also chosen to include a gift in her Will: “I have financially supported NZCMS since I started working and have felt so committed to its mission work that I’ve also remembered NZCMS in my Will.” Edna loves that NZCMS is re-engaging with Māori ministry, saying “I have a longing for Māori to know the Lord.”



Remembering NZCMS in your Will is a simple yet precious way to continue to support God's mission beyond your lifetime. Your generosity will continue to sow the seeds of faith in perpetuity.



## Allan Anderson

Allan Anderson was a committed supporter of NZCMS and an extraordinary entrepreneur. He was philanthropic, future focused, visionary and passionate about putting his faith into action.

Allan led the NZCMS Branch in Whanganui for many years. In the early 1970s Allan and his wife Rosemary met NZCMS Mission Partners Ian and Bronwyn Foster while they were visiting NZ. The Fosters served in Buhemba Rural Training Centre in Musoma, located in the east shore of Lake Victoria, Tanzania.

Allan started supporting the ministry in practical ways: firstly through the provision of tools and equipment. Followed by a much greater challenge - transporting a herd of 61 cows from New Zealand to rural Tanzania at the request of President Julius Nyerere in 1974. Through a series of amazing connections,

committed NZCMS supporters and Allan's tenacity, a plane was found, funds were raised, and the cattle travelled to Musoma.

Allan wrote about this venture: "this amazing episode teaches us what can be achieved when God's people work together, when each and every one of us finds the essential role we have to play in the mission work of the church."

Sadly, Allan passed away in 2019. He and three other supporters set up a Trust in 1984 and planted pine trees. When this forestry investment matures, a portion of the profits will be given to NZCMS.

We celebrate Allan's faithfulness in practically supporting the work of global mission during his lifetime, his enduring legacy and his vision to plant seeds (literally through forestry!) for eternal impact.

Disciples of **Jesus**  
actively participating in God's  
**transforming** work  
in **every** sphere of life  
across cultures in all the **world**.







# Our Commitment to You

- We recognise and appreciate that your Will is personal and will hold your intentions in the strictest confidence and always respect your privacy. We recognise that it's your decision and you need to make it in your own time.
- We understand that those you care about come first, and we encourage you to discuss your intentions with loved ones before finalising your Will. We also encourage you to seek independent legal advice.
- We'll do our best to keep you updated about the work we do together, in the way you'd prefer.
- You can be assured that we'll use your gift carefully and cost effectively so that it has the greatest impact on future generations. We'll handle your gift and wishes with sensitivity and respect.
- We understand you may wish to direct your gift to a particular purpose. However, most people allow us the flexibility to use their gift where it is most needed.
- It would be a blessing to NZCMS if you could let us know your decision. We want to honour you and thank you for your special commitment to the future of NZCMS.



# Eight Simple Steps for Making an Enduring Legacy

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## 1. Pray

Pray before, during and after you prepare your Will.

## 2. Think

Think about what makes up your estate and how you would want to divide it.

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## 5. Plan

Plan your Will by deciding which types of gift is appropriate for each beneficiary. (See page 12: What are my giving options).

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## 6. Choose

Choose your Executor/s and check each person is willing to act in this capacity.







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## **3.** **Consider**

Consider who you wish to include in your Will and provide for. What, if any, special consideration do you need to make? What organisations and causes are close to your heart that would benefit from a final gift?

## **4.** **Prioritize**

Prioritize how your estate is to be allocated to your beneficiaries. Once your loved ones are provided for, you may wish to leave the rest of your estate or a portion of it to support organisations that reflect your values, such as NZCMS.

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## **7.** **Prepare**

Prepare your Will. Your Will is a legal document so engaging the services of a legal advisor is strongly recommended. They can help you prepare your Will accurately to make sure your Will achieves your intentions. NZCMS can provide you with specific wording options for your gift.

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## **8.** **Secure**

Secure your Will by storing it in a safe place. Make sure family and your Executor/s know where to locate it and give a copy to your Executor/s as well. As personal circumstances change, it is important to review and update your Will regularly to make sure it still accurately reflects your wishes.



# FAQs

## How will my gift be used?

Your gift will be used to:

- Start new mission initiatives. Gifts are used to provide seed-funding for new projects or initiatives. Over recent years, this has included youth initiatives such as gap year programs and establishing the Māori Evangelist initiative.
- Supporting our core mission and building our financial resilience. NZCMS has made a huge impact for the Gospel in the past, and we want to ensure NZCMS remains a catalyst of mission into the future.

We understand that you may wish to direct your gift to a particular purpose. However, most people leave an unrestricted gift to “Where most needed.” Our Mission Partners and areas of work sometimes change so this allows NZCMS to fill the most critical gap across our projects so that the work continues for all those that need it. It also means that as our work evolves to serve mission globally or locally your gift can evolve with it. However, feel free to contact us to discuss any specific wishes you may have.

## What are my giving options?

The best way to support NZCMS in your Will is with a ‘residual’ or ‘percentage’ legacy.

- Residual – the remainder of your estate after taking care of your loved ones
- Percentage – a percentage of the value of your estate

Your legal advisor can ensure your Will is valid and clearly sets out how your estate is to be distributed according to your wishes and circumstances. Suggested wording for a gift to NZCMS is included in the next section.

## Do I need to tell you that I’ve included NZCMS in my Will?

While an unexpected gift is most welcome, we’d love to hear from you so we can personally thank you, keep you up-to-date on how your gift will make a difference, inform you of the impact gifts in Wills are making now and share our plans for the future. However, if you wish to remain anonymous, this will be honoured.

## What is the address and Charities Commission number of NZCMS?

78 Peterborough St, Christchurch Central, Christchurch 8013

Charities Commission number: CC41504

## Please get in touch with us if you’d like to discuss your options in more detail.

Phone: 03 377 2222

Email: [office@nzcms.org.nz](mailto:office@nzcms.org.nz)

Web: [www.nzcms.org.nz/gift-in-your-will](http://www.nzcms.org.nz/gift-in-your-will)











# Planning a Gift to Change Lives Forever

For many supporters, including a gift in their Will is the most significant gift they will ever make. It can be a tangible expression of God's love to those awaiting the good news of the Gospel of grace.

Your Will reflects who you are, what you care most about and how you want to be remembered well into the future. A Will gives you the power to choose how your assets can benefit your loved ones AND impact the kingdom of God.

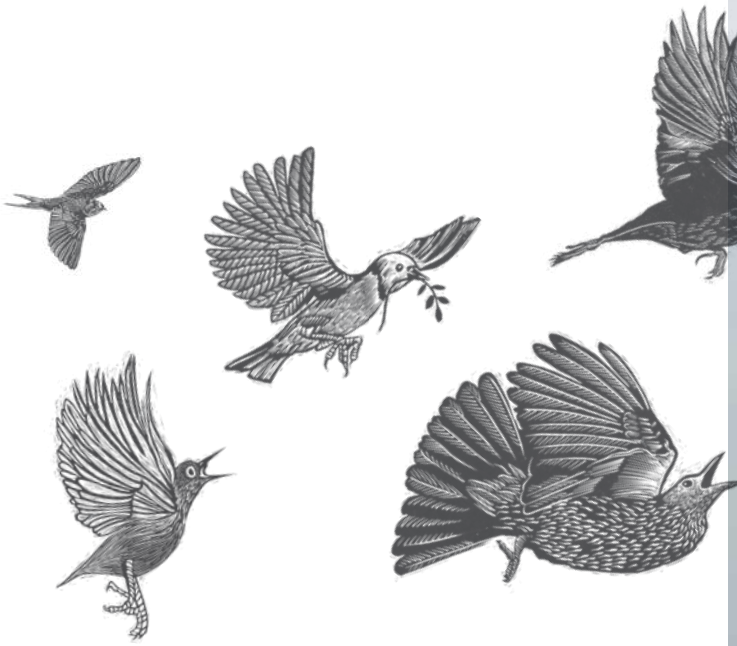
When preparing or updating your Will, or when appointing an Executor/s, Enduring Attorney or Power of Attorney we advise seeking qualified legal advice from a solicitor, the Public Trust Office or a Trustee company such as Perpetual Guardian. The NZ Law Society and your local Citizen's Advice Bureau can help you find a solicitor if you don't already have one.

## We suggest the following wording:

*I give to New Zealand Church Missionary Society Trust Board, Charity Registration Number CC41504, the residue of my estate (or-----% of my estate) for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the National Director or other authorized officer of New Zealand Church Missionary Society Trust Board shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Trustees.*

There are other ways you can include a gift in your Will. If you'd like more information about these options please contact [office@nzcms.org.nz](mailto:office@nzcms.org.nz) or phone: 03 377 2222.





## Checklist for writing or updating your Will:

- Have you found a legal advisor to assist with your Will?
- Who would you like to include in your Will?
- How do you want to divide your estate?
- What assets do you have to gift to others?
- Have you updated your Will to reflect any changes in your circumstances? It's important to review your Will every few years to ensure it still reflects your intentions.

## Next steps:

- Contact us, tell us about your wishes and ask questions.
- Talk to your loved ones and let them know about your intentions and why including a gift to NZCMS is important to you.
- Speak to your professional advisor.
- Decide on the type of gift to include.
- Use the recommended wording from your professional advisor.

# Remembering NZCMS in your Will

## Response

*Please fill in the form below and send it to our address at:*

78 Peterborough St  
Christchurch Central City  
Christchurch 8013



**Yes, I would like to leave an enduring legacy by including NZCMS in my Will.**

Name:

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Address:

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Phone Number:

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Email:

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- I have already included a gift in my Will to NZCMS
- I intend to include NZCMS when I next update my Will
- I would consider including NZCMS in my Will and would like more info

We're here to help. If you have any questions, would like further information or to discuss your wishes in confidence please contact:

office@nzcms.org.nz  
Phone: 03 377 2222



# Board Endorsement

The Corban family has a longstanding connection with NZCMS. My Dad and Mum were Mission Partners in Tanzania for 10 years, and one of my brothers and I were both born there. Dad went on to be chair of the NZCMS Board and now it's my privilege to serve on the Board. God's mission is something to which my wife Stephanie and I are deeply committed, and NZCMS is a significant part of what that looks like for us as a couple.

NZCMS has dedicated Mission Partners and staff, and a renewed vision to impact both Aotearoa New Zealand and the rest of the world with the good news of Jesus Christ through mission in its many forms. NZCMS has robust governance and a committed Board.

As a Board member myself, I think it's only right that we demonstrate the financial commitment we're asking from others, so NZCMS will be a beneficiary of our own personal estate planning. Gifts in Wills are potential gamechangers for NZCMS and I invite you to join me and others in making NZCMS a part of your estate planning.

*John Corban*

NZCMS Board member





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