

## Wording for a Legacy (Bequest) or Codicil to Scripture Union

If you decide to include a legacy or add a codicil to your Will to benefit our ministries, the following are suggested forms of words that may be used by your solicitor.

### Fixed Amount (pecuniary)

I give to Scripture Union of 207-209 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2EB (Reg. Charity No. 213422) the sum of [ insert amount in words and figures ] [ *for its general purposes* ] and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

### Specific Legacy [bequest]

I give to Scripture Union of 207-209 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2EB (Reg. Charity No. 213422) my [Description of property] absolutely [ *for its general purposes* ] and I direct that the receipt(s) of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

### Percentage of Net Estate (residuary)

After payment of my debts, funeral expenses and any inheritance tax liability, I give the residue of my estate as follows:

.....% to Scripture Union of 207-209 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2EB (Registered Charity No. 213422) [ *for its general purposes* ] and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

[ if the size of your estate means that it is likely that inheritance tax will be payable, it is very important that you obtain legal advice as to the effect of a legacy like this, before using this form.]

## Changing your Will with a Codicil

It is very easy to change your Will if you need to. If you are not changing the majority of your Will, small changes or simple additions can be made by using a Codicil. A Codicil should be executed in the same way as a Will, i.e. by the testator in the presence of two witnesses who should sign their names after the testator and give their addresses and occupations.

As well as including the amendments to your Will, a Codicil should confirm the other contents of the Will.

The following is a suggested wording for Scripture Union to benefit.

### Codicil

By this Codicil to my last Will dated [        ], I give to Scripture Union of 207-209 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2EB (Registered Charity No 213422)  
*(insert one of the following)*

- (a) the sum of [ insert amount in words and figures ]
- or (b) describe clearly exactly what is to be given in order to identify the item of property beyond dispute.
- or (c) % of the residue of my estate.  
[ please use options (b) or (c) only after legal advice ]

for its general purposes, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

I confirm my said Will in all other respects.

In Witness of which I have signed my name on date [     ]

Signed by [ insert name ]  
in the presence of us both  
and then by us in his/hers.

***Please do consult your solicitor about drawing up a Will or adding a Codicil, to ensure that it reflects your wishes and that it is validly drawn.***