

RESPONSE CARD

*Leave a lasting legacy through
Fairlawn Avenue United Church*

- ☐ I have already remembered Fairlawn Avenue United Church in my will.
- ☐ I wish to be included in the Fairlawn Legacy Circle.
- ☐ Please call me about how I can support the church now or in my will.

Please print.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone: Home _____

Business _____

e-mail _____

Please bring this card to Sunday worship and place it on the offering plate or mail it to Bequest Giving, Fairlawn Avenue United Church, 28 Fairlawn Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5M 1S7.

www.fairlawchurch.ca

If you have questions about bequests or other forms of planned giving, contact

Paul Mills at Paul.Mills@millsandmills.ca
of 416-682- 7110

How do you ensure you have given proper instructions?

You should consult with your lawyer about the drafting of your will or a codicil in which a gift to Fairlawn Avenue United Church is to be included. It may be a clause such as "to pay to Fairlawn Avenue United Church, the sum of \$ _____ to be added to the Fairlawn Legacy Fund," for example.

If you or your lawyer have a question about the designation of the gift or the proper wording of a gift by will to carry out your wishes, please call Paul Mills, member of Fairlawn's community of faith at (416) 682- 7110 or via email to Paul.Mills@millsandmills.ca. Paul would be happy to answer any questions you may have on bequests or other forms of planned giving, including gifts of securities.

Fairlawn Legacy Circle

Fairlawn wants to acknowledge and thank its donors and has created the Fairlawn Legacy Circle, a recognition group for those who have advised the church of their intentions. Members in the Legacy Circle will be recognized for their commitment to our church's future role in our community and the wider world, and to the Christian development and encouragement of future generations. Legacy Circle members will be listed each year in a special bulletin insert and in Fairlawn's Annual Report, unless they wish to remain anonymous.

BEQUESTS

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY



Explore Spirituality
Experience Belonging
Embrace Action



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Your generosity helps to ensure that we are a vibrant, growing and welcoming church community, inspired by our core belief: *We are not alone. We are connected to God and each other by love.*

Your generosity, your legacy

Through a bequest, made in your will, to Fairlawn Avenue United Church, you will be able to enrich the lives of your community and future generations. A few simple steps taken now can foster your values locally and in the wider world, and help to ensure that everyone – young and old -- will find meaning, belonging and the love of God at Fairlawn.

Why build your legacy through Fairlawn?

All of us have but one life and we want that life to matter. We want to leave a legacy that reflects who we are. A bequest made through Fairlawn can allow that to happen. I invite you to participate in a program that will continue to allow Fairlawn's Ministry to grow and thrive into the future, a future that reflects our dreams and beliefs.

Christopher White, Senior Minister

Fairlawn is the church that has been most meaningful to me. I have planned to leave it a legacy so there is opportunity for all to explore their faith journey here in love and friendship, seeking social justice for all.

Connie Buck, FAUC member

The third generation of our family is now enjoying the warmth at Fairlawn through worship, music, children's programs and opportunities to make this a better world. We can't think of another organization we'd rather support in our will!

Kathy Magladry & Doug Knights, FAUC members

How do you leave a bequest?

A bequest -- making a gift -- can be done by including a simple clause in your will. You can leave:

a specific amount

a number of securities; or

the whole or a portion of the remainder of your estate to the church.

You may direct your gift to a specific area of church activity by contributing to one of three special funds, or have the Fairlawn Executive Council direct your gift to the area of greatest need. If you do not specify which fund is to receive the gift, the first \$5,000 of your gift will be dealt with as part of the general funds of the church and the balance will be added to the Fairlawn Legacy Fund.

What funds may you specify?

The church funds reflect our three purposes – Explore Spirituality, Experience Belonging, Embrace Action.

Christian Education Fund – a fund from which income and/or capital contributes to the enrichment of our Christian experience at Fairlawn, including worship, music, adult and children's education, professional development for ministers and other activities related to helping us 'Explore Spirituality.'

Fairlawn Legacy Fund – a fund from which income and/or capital is used, at the discretion of

Fairlawn's Executive Council, for costs related to pastoral care and the ways we care for one another, and to the operations of Fairlawn, including major initiatives and capital expenses that enable all who attend Fairlawn to 'Experience Belonging.'

Social Justice Fund – a fund whose use is guided by the vision of Fairlawn being an inspiring and thriving champion of social justice where the congregation is passionately engaged in actions which transform society, individual lives and ourselves. It works toward the creation of a just and sustainable world. This fund helps manifest our church's commitment to 'Embrace Action.'

The disbursement of this Fund's income and/or capital is approved by Executive Council, informed by established criteria available to read on our website, and approved by Executive Council.

How long may your legacy last?

Your gift can last for as long as you like. Should you wish that only the investment income from your gift be used, and that the principal always remains unspent, you may specify that in your will. In that way, your gift keeps giving always. For example, a \$10,000 bequest producing a 4% annual return would provide \$400 of assistance to the church each year in perpetuity. Alternatively, a gift from which income and/or principal can be drawn on for major church initiatives will enable Fairlawn to achieve more substantial change over a shorter period.