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### **Including a charitable organization in your will:**

This is usually a simple matter and can be done by amending your will [referred to as a codicil] or by bringing your will up to date by preparing a new document.

### **Codicil to a will**

A codicil is an addition or supplement to a will. It is a brief document, usually one or two pages. It may be prepared by your attorney, an online service, or you can download examples of forms from the internet. LegalZoom.com will prepare a codicil for \$30 if they prepared your original will. Another alternative is to prepare a new will. LegalZoom charges \$70 -- \$80 for this service. They may be reached at 1-800 773-0888.

Attached is an example of a codicil which was downloaded from the internet.

If you wish to honor The United Methodist Church with such a pledge, please complete the attached "**Planned Giving**" intent form and submit it to the church office.

SAMPLE CODICIL [date]

I, [name], a resident of the County of [county], State of [state], declare that this is the codicil to my last will and testament, which is dated [date original signed].

I add or change said last will in the following manner:

*[List all specific changes or additions to the original will. Reference each section number of the will and the specific language you will be affecting. This is where you could include a bequest to support our mission. See our suggested **bequest language** that can assist you.]*

Otherwise, I hereby confirm and republish my will dated [date original signed], in all respects other than those herein mentioned.

I subscribe my name to this codicil this [day, e.g. 1st] day of [month], [year], at [full address where signed], in the presence of [full name of first witness to codicil], [full name of second witness to codicil], and [full name of third witness to codicil], attesting witnesses, who subscribe their names here in my presence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maker

**ATTEST**

**On the date last above written, [name], known by us to be the person whose signature appears at the end of this codicil, declared to us, [full name of first witness to codicil], [full name of second witness to codicil], and [full name of third witness to codicil], the undersigned, that the foregoing instrument, consisting of [number of pages to codicil] page(s) was the codicil to the will dated [date original signed]; who then signed the codicil in our presence, and now in the presence of each other, we now sign our names as witnesses.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Witness

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**ARDMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PLANNED GIVING INTENT FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear members of the Church Finance Committee,

Please be advised that it is my/our intention to include The Ardmore United Methodist Church as a beneficiary in my/our will(s) dated \_\_\_\_\_.

It is my/our wish that any funds received by the church be directed toward the following mission(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I further understand that this represents a pledge which does not legally bind me to fulfill such an obligation.