Sample Bequest Language

*Suggested wording to discuss with your attorney:

(1) **Wills** - A will is a document that sets forth how a person's probate property will be distributed upon death. To be valid, a will must meet certain formal requirements as provided by state laws. Suggested wording:

(a) I give and bequeath to the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, located in Worthington, Ohio, _____ percent of my gross estate, for the benefit of (name of church institution(s) or local congregation) or

(b) I give and bequeath to the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, located in Worthington, Ohio, the sum of $ _______ to be used for the benefit of (name of church institution(s) or local congregation) or

(c) All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give, devise and bequeath to the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, located in Worthington, Ohio, to be used for the benefit of (name of church institution(s) or local congregation).

(2) **Living Wills** - A living will is a legal document you can use to express your wishes about the use of life-sustaining treatment if you should become terminally ill or permanently unconscious.

(3) **Health Care Power of Attorney** - A health care power of attorney (or 'durable power of attorney for healthcare', sometimes known as a 'DPOA') is a legal document that authorizes another person to make health care decisions for you if you cannot make them for yourself.

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