

First Parish Church of Groton Suggested Bequest Language

Thank you for considering structuring a bequest to FPCOG through your will. This is a profoundly meaningful step, regardless of the amount.

Please share the following suggested language with your attorney, and discuss your preferences with him or her. You may want to print this page out and give it to your attorney, or forward it by email as a web link.

For an Unrestricted Gift

I give to the First Parish Church of Groton, Unitarian Universalist, located in Groton, Massachusetts], [___% of my estate or the sum of \$_____] for the Endowment Fund.

For a Restricted Gift

I give to the [First Parish Church of Groton, Unitarian Universalist, located in Groton, Massachusetts], [___% of my estate or the sum of \$_____] to be used for [stated purpose, for instance “The Silver Hammer Fund,” which helps pay for major capital improvements to FPCOG church buildings, or “The Hands to the World Fund,” which furthers FPCOG’s social action work]. If at any time in the judgment of the organization’s board of trustees it is deemed impossible or impracticable to carry out the above purpose, said trustees shall determine a purpose as near as possible to that description above.

Another option to discuss with your attorney is to name FPCOG as a **Residuary Beneficiary**, meaning first your will designates specific bequests for individuals of your choice and then what’s left, in full or in part (however you specify), goes to FPCOG.

Whatever approach you elect to take, it is important that FPCOG’s full legal name be spelled out in your will, as “First Parish Church of Groton, Unitarian Universalist, located in Groton, Massachusetts,” and to add “Endowment Fund” or “Ministerial Fund” if that is your intent. Otherwise your gift will go to the Church with the purpose to be determined by the Leadership Board of First Parish at the time of receipt of the gift.

If you have questions about bequest giving, feel free to reach out to any Endowment Board member. The church office can steer you to the current volunteers.