

PLANNING YOUR LEGACY

A Preparation Checklist

Before you embark on preparing your Will or even making a significant gift today, we want to make sure the decision is right for you. Here are some points to consider when getting ready to make this decision:

- Pray about it—we want you to know you are doing God’s will in choosing The Leprosy Mission Canada* as a recipient of your gift.
- Discuss your decision with family; bring them on board with your wishes and your decision.
- Contact your lawyer and financial advisor. They are professionals working for you and will guide your decision to make a gift and help in drafting your Will.
- Feel free to contact The Leprosy Mission Canada* if you have any questions about making this gift. Your Gift Planner will be happy to talk to you at any time. If you want your gift to go to a specific project, we can provide you with the correct wording prior to drafting your Will to make sure your wishes are carried out.
- Choose an executor(s) that you feel comfortable with and trust to carry out your wishes. Discuss your decisions with them. This gives them an opportunity to understand what you want and why these gifts are important to you.



- Gather all important documents together, store them safely and let your executors(s) and/or those with power of attorney know where they are. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - ❑ A list of all bank accounts and where they are held
 - ❑ The name of your lawyer and financial planner
 - ❑ Copies of all life insurance policies, annuity agreements, etc.
 - ❑ Copy of your Will as well as the name and address of the lawyer who prepared it
 - ❑ A list of any property, real estate, etc. you may have
 - ❑ If you have pre-arranged funeral plans, make sure the person with your power of attorney and/or closest relative knows this information and provide them with the funeral planner's contact information as well as this list.
- Above all, feel at peace with the decision you have made. You worked long and hard to acquire the assets that you have, you need to know you have made the right decisions in their distribution.

