

A legacy of peace

Your guide to
leaving a gift for
future generations




Cord

Welcome



Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for reading this booklet and for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Cord. Cord began in 1967 when a group from St Mary's church in Leamington Spa were moved to help victims of the Vietnam War. Their vision, faith, determination and courage, together with a deep commitment to prayer, were the building blocks of the organization.

Over the years our work has taken many forms in a variety of countries. Much has changed but the legacy of those faithful founders remains - to reach out in love to those effected by conflict and violence.

Cord is an international charity working to make peace a reality where people don't have the freedom to exercise their rights. Our vision, mission and values are inspired by the Christian faith. We currently work in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Burundi.

Gifts people leave in their Wills are very special and are vital for the future of the organisation. Any gift, large or small, will make a significant contribution in our work to make peace a reality. Even just 1% of your estate will make a huge difference.

If you have any questions about our work or how your gift will be used, please get in touch with me – I'd be delighted to hear from you.

With my sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Thorley', written in a cursive style.

Nick Thorley
Fundraising Manager

Our call to action

“With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don’t hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.”

**1 Corinthians 15:58
(The Message)**

Paul rounds off his wonderful passage all about resurrection and the age to come with a fascinating encouragement. He’s spent 57 verses talking about Jesus rising from the dead and the incredible impact on His followers – the hope of a new life to come and a brand new body! But his final sentence is a call to action. He doesn’t

end by inviting his readers to withdraw from the world or simply meditate on this eternal hope. Instead he issues a call to them to get ready for the new age by throwing themselves into the work of the Lord.

Paul emphasizes that our work really counts – nothing you do is a waste of time. Although God Himself will ultimately renew His creation (Romans 8:21), we are invited to play our part. We are encouraged to participate in this process. We can anticipate the coming Kingdom by the things that we do in the present moment.

The wonderful message is that the simple things that we do, the acts of kindness, love and generosity, don’t just have an impact in the here and now, but they contribute towards the age to come, when God will make all things new (Revelation 21:5).

How inspiring to consider that our lives will have a lasting legacy, not just for a few years but into the age to come. With this in mind, it is exciting to think about the impact of a Legacy gift – however large or small. It is a decision we make in faith, during our life, to enable Cord’s work of peace to continue, long after we have gone. It is an investment in the work of the Lord, not just for years to come but even into eternity.



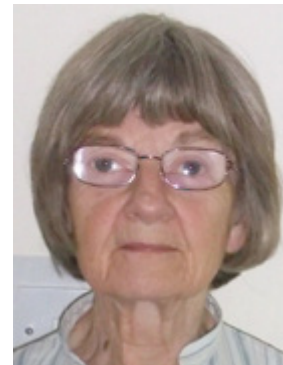
From humble beginnings



Cord had its beginnings in the vicarage of St Mary's Church, Leamington Spa. In 1967, a group of committed Christians prayed about the terrible conditions witnessed on TV in war torn Vietnam. They made a decision that if they could rescue just one child, then that is what they would do. It proved to be extremely

challenging, but they were convinced that if the Lord wanted them to do this, then it would be possible. And so Cord evolved.

I became a member of that Church in the early 70's and was fascinated by the faith and love, underpinned by prayer, that I found amongst the congregation. Later on, as a childminder of school aged children, I remember myself, two daughters, and a group of children sitting round our large dining room table, collating the sheets of Cord's newsletters, which were then boxed up and returned to Cord's office for stapling.



Being a member of St Mary's Church for over 30 years and working for Cord for 15 years part time, was truly inspirational and shaped my life and made me who I have become. Perhaps you can see why I want to leave a legacy to Cord, it just seems natural.

– Chris Jones Cord Supporter

What a gift in your will expresses

Your Will expresses who you are. It captures your love, values and passions. It declares your care for the people you hold most dear and the things that matter to you most.

- **Leaving a gift in your Will enables you to support Cord's work for peace, long into the future.**
- **This could be your greatest gift as it could mean that you can give more than you have been able to during your life.**
- **Your gift will mean a brighter more peaceful future for young people and women in one of Africa's poorest countries, Burundi.**
- **Your gift will result in more people in the forests of Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia having their land and livelihoods protected.**
- **Your gift will enable people in Myanmar to live with greater freedom to express their religious faith and practice it.**
- **A gift to Cord will support the peaceful progress that is made possible by strengthened diverse relationships in communities around the world. It is a profound, special and precious gift of peace.**



Working to make peace a reality

We are passionate about our vision of a world where all people can flourish. Our commitment is to work for this reality. We tackle the root causes and underlying issues that prevent this. This is a long term vision and a complex journey. But, it is to this journey that we have been called.

People flourish when all parts of society work together. Peaceful relationships make that possible. The simple act of talking begins a journey of growth which transforms mistrust, includes the excluded and turns adversaries into allies.

Cord recognizes that relationships are like seeds. They are the vital starting point in making peace a reality. As they grow they develop roots – roots of trust. When such roots are in place you can start to tackle the issues that can lead to violence such as poverty, denial of rights or cultural division. As we work, a blossoming garden is cultivated in 3 key ways:

- **We work to provide people with new skills and confidence.**
- **We open the doors to make connections possible between key groups that were previously distanced from one another.**
- **We ensure that everyone understands their rights, responsibilities and resulting power.**

Like a well-cared for garden, peace can grow and stand fast, weathering whatever comes next. This makes it possible for communities to have futures where all members live free from the threat of violence, being wrongly arrested or being mistreated.

Our Mum's amazing gift



Our Mum Joyce strongly believed in the power of prayer and in making a positive difference to other people's lives both personally and through her support of Cord.

In the 1960s Mum saw the impact of the Vietnam War on children and families and knew she must do something to help. She was drawn to Cord (Project Vietnam Orphans at that time) because as a committed Christian she had a strong affinity with its values and wanted to be part of the work it was doing to support children in Vietnam and to bring about peace and justice.

Mum continued to provide support for the rest of her life and we know it was important to her that part of her estate was left to Cord. It was part of her and became part of our family life. It feels good to know she is continuing to help in the work Cord does.

– Melanie, Sarah and Vivien daughters of Joyce Sirotkin

Answers to important questions

Is it important to make a Will?

Yes, making a Will is the only way you can be sure your wishes are followed after you die. Without a Will, you die 'intestate' which could cause additional distress to family and friends.

I want to take care of my family and friends, can I still give to Cord?

Many people will look after their loved ones as a priority. However, after they are provided for, even 1% of your estate left to Cord will have a significant impact on our work.

I already have a Will, will I have to make a new one to include a gift?

No, it is very easy to have your Will updated, just get in touch with your Solicitor and explain what you would like to do.

Do I need to use a solicitor to write or amend my Will?

We recommend you consult a solicitor or expert legal advisor to ensure your Will is legal and valid.

Are there different types of gifts I can leave in my Will?

There are two main ways people choose to support Cord. A pecuniary legacy is a fixed amount of money. And a residuary legacy is a percentage or share of the balance of your estate once all other payments and gifts have been made. Many people prefer to give a residuary gift because it keeps in line with inflation and does not lose value over time.

What information about Cord will I need when making my Will?

You will need our name, charity number and address *Cord Global is a Registered Charity in England and Wales (Number 1070684), Floor 9, Eaton House, 1 Eaton Road, Coventry, CV1 2FJ*

Are there any tax benefits if I leave a charitable gift in my Will?

Most gifts left to Cord are exempt from Inheritance Tax because we are a charity. You can find out more by visiting HMRC at <https://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax> overview or asking a solicitor.

Suggested wording for your Will:

Residuary Legacy

This is when you leave all, or a percentage, of your estate (once all gifts, debts, taxes and costs associated with it have been deducted) to Cord:

“I give the whole (or a percentage share) of the residue of my estate to Cord, Floor 9, Eaton House, 1 Eaton Road, Coventry, CV1 2FJ (registered charity number 1070684) to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.”

Pecuniary Legacy (This is a gift of a fixed sum of money)

“I give free of tax to Cord, Floor 9, Eaton House, 1 Eaton Road, Coventry, CV1 2FJ (registered charity number 1070684) the sum of £ [figures and words] to be used for its general charitable purposes, and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.”



Cord is an international charity working to make peace a reality in communities through the power of peaceful relationships.

Peaceful relationships are key for communities and societies to flourish. That is why Cord nurtures their development when tackling the issues that lead to violence such as poverty, denial of rights or cultural division.

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