



"Creating a Legacy" April 2019 —Do you have a plan for the future?

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Creative estate planning can benefit you, your family, and Bethel.

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Hi –

This week we begin to anticipate Easter when we will celebrate Jesus’s resurrection and the promise we have of everlasting life with Christ. As I work with Christ-followers to plan what will happen after they die, I can share that it is different for us. We serve a risen Savior, and we live because He lives. Praise God!



Below you will read about Ron '72 and Linda Dischinger '72 and how they have included Bethel University as a charitable bequest in their will. A

bequest is one of the easiest ways to give to Bethel. With the help of an advisor, you can include language in your will or trust designating a gift be made to family, friends, or Bethel as part of your estate plan. You can read more about these options in this month's newsletter.

Please [contact me](#) if you would like to talk about naming Bethel in your will or other planned giving options that might work for you and your family.

Dan Wiersum

Associate Vice President for Planned Giving

The Future is What You Make of It



Do you ever wonder what the future holds?

While it's impossible to know or control what will happen in the future, planning is one way to create a secure future for you and your loved ones. With a good plan, you can rest easy knowing that your family will be well cared for and your property will pass to your intended beneficiaries.

Why do I need a plan?

Failure to plan may result in an accidental disinheritance. Accidental disinheritance occurs when you have no will, or your will doesn't function properly. Planning helps you to avoid harming those you love and subjecting your estate to unnecessary tax.

What are some options for planning my future?

A Will— A will is a written document that permits you to state how you want your property or estate distributed, name an Executor (also called a Personal Representative) to distribute your property, pay debts and taxes, and handle other business affairs to settle your estate.

Living Trust— If you own property, you may wish to set up a living trust. A living trust may be set up during life and directs where your assets go. Unlike a will, a trust will not subject your estate to probate, which is often a lengthy and costly process that requires a court to settle your estate.

In addition to thinking about how to help your family and save on estate taxes, your plans for the future may also include how to benefit charitable organizations you care about, such as Bethel. A **charitable bequest** allows you to leave a lasting legacy and often provides valuable tax savings.

Bethel's estate planning experts are available to answer questions and help you with sample bequest language to include in your will. For specific questions, please call [Dan Wiersum](tel:651.635.8053) or the Planned Giving office at [651.635.8053](tel:651.635.8053), or planned-giving@bethel.edu.

Estate Planning Resources

Creating A Will is Easier Than You Think

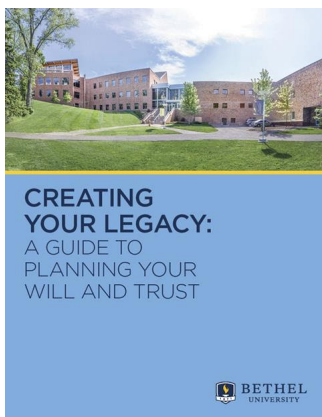
Creating your will is your opportunity to carefully articulate your wishes, your values, and your legacy. This planning is important to help you *provide* for and *protect* your loved ones and the charitable organizations you care about after you're gone.

If you are thinking about creating or updating a will or trust, we can help. Bethel's [website](#) includes a number of valuable resources about [wills and bequests](#), including wills videos, and a free personal and secure [online Wills Planner Account](#).

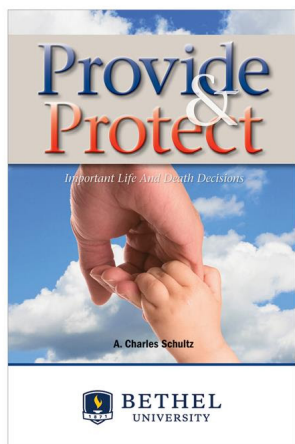
SPECIAL OFFER—Get Your FREE Wills Guide Legacy Pack

We would like to send you a **FREE Wills Guide Legacy Pack** with estate planning resources including:

- **Bethel Wills Guide – *Creating Your Legacy: A Guide to Planning Your Will and***



Trust. This guide is an easy-to-use, fill-in-the-blank booklet that can help you organize all of the information an estate planning attorney will need to create your will and trust plan.



- ***Provide & Protect: Important Life Decision*** by A. Charles Schultz – This multimedia book is packed with tips on how to help you create a secure and satisfying future. The book is linked to our website where you will find additional information to help you plan.
- **25 Estate Documents You Need To Put In One Place**
- And more estate planning tips...

Order Today! Go to the [FREE Wills Guide request form](#), complete the form with your mailing address, and write in the “**comments**” section: **“Wills Guide Legacy Pack”**.

[Bethel's estate planning experts](#) are also available to answer questions and help customize your estate plans to **provide** for and **protect** you and your family while creating an enduring legacy.

Linda '72 and Ron Dischinger '72

Linda '72 and Ron Dischinger '72 have always seen Bethel as a worthwhile investment. They went to Bethel as students and so did their children. They've been loyal members of the Coffee Club for years. Even their will reflects



Ron & Linda Dischinger

their belief in Bethel and their desire to live for God's glory and our neighbors' good.

“Your money is going to go somewhere,” Ron says. “No one is going to carry a little U-Haul with them when they go.”

[Read their story](#) and why they have named Bethel in their will to be a gift for generations to come.

Aidan Tollefson '19



Aidan Tollefson

A double major in physics and philosophy, Aidan Tollefson '19 graduates in May and has already secured a prestigious job at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Tollefson, a student recipient of the [Larry Rodgers and Gloria Nelson Scholarship](#), chose Bethel because of its strong physics program, but he has enjoyed studying the humanities as well, especially philosophy.

“God wants us to be creative and study His creation. Physics is about discovering the fundamental components of the world, the rules He’s set about,” Tollefson says. “But God also cares about people and our connections. Ethics and morality deal with how we interact with one another—and even how we pursue science—in a God-honoring way.”

[Read more about Tollefson’s time at Bethel and what comes next.](#)

Upcoming Spring 2019 Events

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming spring events at Bethel and across the country:

- **Scholarship Recognition Dinner:** April 25
- **Royal Heritage Society Dinner & Classics Concert:** May 10

Personal Planner

Wills—Good and Bad

Where is the Missing Will?

More than 40 wills were submitted to the probate court, with a multitude of potential heirs each claiming to be the true recipients of the estate of Business Owner who passed away in 1976. With a \$2.5 billion estate at stake, there was intense interest in the decision of the court. [Read More](#)

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I've always been a walker, but after I fell last month my doctor suggested I start doing some balance exercises. Is this really something I need to practice? [Read More](#)

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