

LEAVING A LEGACY FOR *life*





"I HAVE COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE

life AND HAVE LIFE ABUNDANTLY".

John 10:10 NRSV

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your commitment to serving the "least of these" through your support of Anglican Overseas Aid.

As Anglican followers of Christ, we share a commitment to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

As we all grow older, we have perhaps greater opportunity to reflect on our life, values, commitments and passions.

In a spirit of thankfulness, we can see the blessings that God has bestowed upon us and the challenges with His grace that we have been able to overcome.

We never know the days that God has given to each of us, and so I would like to encourage you to ensure you have created a Will which provides for your loved ones and where possible supports those issues that are close to your heart.

I am reminded that as President of Anglican Overseas Aid, I am thankful for your compassion and commitment to justice for the world's poor and vulnerable people. Each of us is made in the image of our Creator.

Our Anglican brothers and sisters overseas work tirelessly to bring the love of God to those in great need. I'm therefore grateful for your consideration of Anglican Overseas Aid and the people we serve in your Will.

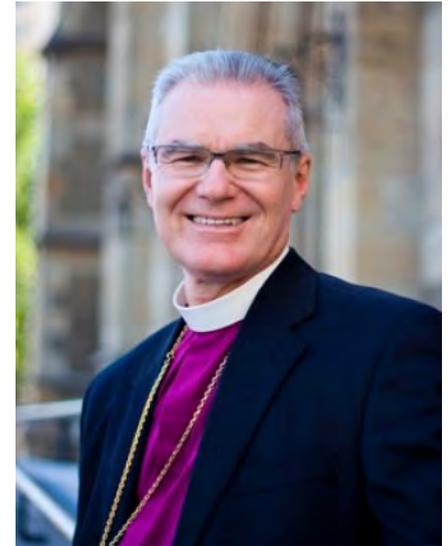
May God bless you for your faithfulness and may you continue to leave a legacy in the lives of those you touch.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Frier".

The Most Reverend Dr. Philip Frier

Archbishop of Melbourne and President of Anglican Overseas Aid

Left: Dorothy washes her clothes in the ocean on the island of Maewo, Vanuatu.



CONTINUING YOUR LIFE GIVING LEGACY

Since our foundation in 1988, together we have achieved great change by supporting our partners to challenge the structures that keep them poor.

We have saved lives through our long-term support of the Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, provided clean and safe water and sanitation to rural communities in Mozambique, empowered women in South Africa, and provided solar lights to communities in Vanuatu and Solomon Islands.

We also cherish our long-standing partnership with the Afar Pastoralist Development Association that has substantially improved maternal and child health in Ethiopia. This model of grassroots community and health development has also been powerfully implemented with our program partner in Kenya.

These achievements have been possible because of people like you.

Anglican Overseas Aid relies on the compassion and generosity of our donors - including those who leave bequests - to continue our vital work for a peaceful and just world for all.

A gift in your Will means so much. It can help us deploy life-changing maternal and child health programs, combat gender-based violence, and equip families to earn a living. It will also allow us to plan for the future, so you can ensure that a voice you trust continues to fight for justice for poor and isolated communities overseas.

Your gift, no matter how big or small, will be so much more than a financial donation; it will leave a legacy of kindness and generosity to echo across generations.

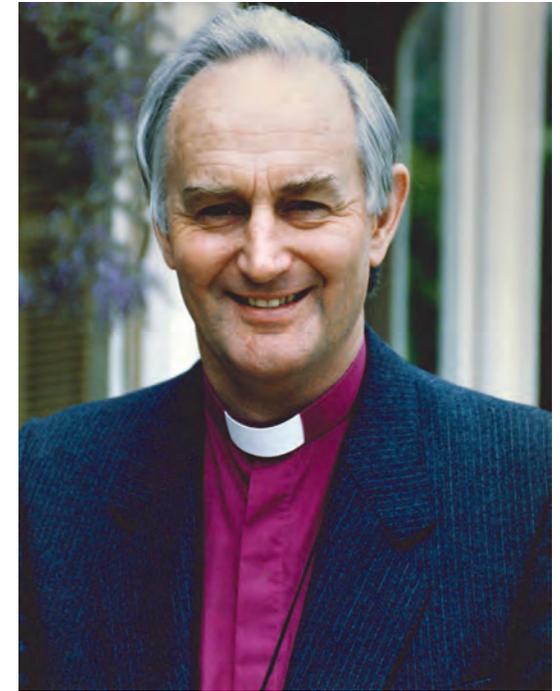
Anglican Overseas Aid uses all funds with discernment, wisdom and integrity to bring life-changing futures to people trapped in poverty and dire need.

Thank you for considering Anglican Overseas Aid in your legacy planning.

HONOURING YOUR LEGACY

Our bequests program is named in honour of our founder, the late David Penman. Upon his appointment as the tenth Archbishop of Melbourne in 1984, David realised that Australian Anglicans needed a way to respond to requests from Anglican churches and organisations across the world, particularly those impacted by disasters, emergencies and extreme poverty.

The **David Penman Fund** is a way for people to leave a bequest to AOA. It is an opportunity to acknowledge and thank friends and supporters and come together annually to celebrate our collective contribution to fulfilling David's vision.



You will receive:

- A letter of thanks from the Archbishop of Melbourne
- A certificate of appreciation of your continuing commitment
- Invitation to an annual event to celebrate program achievements.
- The option to be named in the Annual Report
- Annual Reports and *Abundance* Magazine

Each of the above will be optional.



BIBLICAL GIVING: A *life* OF GENEROSITY



Giving to the church and those in need, voluntarily:

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV

Challenging our hearts and investing in eternity:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart is also.”

Matthew 6:20-21, NIV

Reflecting kingdom values and a heart for the poor:

“They have scattered their gifts for the poor; their righteousness endures forever”

Psalms 112:9, NIV



AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

Our Will reflects what we care about. It can provide an opportunity to share with our family the values our life is built upon and encourage them to live lives of generosity as God directs them.

How can you support your family to live a life of generosity?

1. Talk about why you give. Your family might know that you support your church, AOA and other causes, but do they know why? Sharing your choices with your family doesn't need to mean sharing financial details, rather sharing your hopes and values.
2. Consider sharing resources from your church, AOA, or other causes with your family and talk about them together.

LEAVING A *life*-CHANGING GIFT IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK

1. Reflect upon whether you can include the world's poor and vulnerable people in your Will.
2. Ensure any family members are adequately provided for.
3. Decide the type of Bequest you would like to give to Anglican Overseas Aid. (See next page: Residuary / Specific / Pecuniary)
4. Speak to a solicitor to guide you through the Will-making process and ensure your wishes are accurately recorded.
5. If you are comfortable to do so – advise Anglican Overseas Aid. You don't need to tell us the details, however it ensures we have the opportunity to thank you.

We recommend you consult a solicitor to help you draft your bequest. This is the best way to ensure that your intentions are accurately recorded and are legally binding.

For a confidential and no-obligation discussion about planning your bequest giving, please contact our CEO.

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TESTIMONIALS

Reid family

"Our parents cared deeply for the poor and marginalised people in this world. As a family, we are proud that they left a bequest, that has created a life-giving legacy to others, even after their time on this earth has ended." - Helen Reid

In the '80s, the Reverend Dr Alan Reid and his wife, Janet, began leading tours to the Holy Land. During their visits, they forged many friendships with Palestinian people and saw their many challenges. With limited access to supplies and medical equipment, basic health care was a major issue.

When they discovered a unique program run by the Ahli Arab Hospital (AAH), AOA's partner in Gaza, they began to support the work. The program helped women trapped in Gaza access critical diagnosis, treatment and support for breast cancer.

When Janet herself was diagnosed with cancer and sadly passed away in 2010, Alan donated to the project in Janet's memory. When Alan passed away two years later, he left a bequest to AOA to fund the Janet Reid Clinic at the Ahli Arab Hospital, providing a life-giving legacy for Palestinian women and their families that continues to this day.



Lisa Brookman

"I have always had on my heart the determination to provide in my Will when my time is done. This God whisper has much to do with my family's aid work in developing countries."

We have also welcomed a 'daughter' from the Solomon Islands into our family and travelled to countries where God's grace has placed us in a position to give generously to those in need.

A bequest is such a simple act of kindness to fulfil God's ask of us to 'do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God!' (Micah 6:8) A bequest is a way to plan and be considered with our legacy. It's deliberate and more than just a voluntary gift.

AOA is a perfect recipient of my bequest. I have been in the blessed position to know their work intimately, having served on the AOA Board for 10 years, and have seen how committed the leadership are and the dedication of the staff, partners and like-minded professionals.

I know how much they do with however much I can give, and how well they work in community to give life, love and support. I also steadfastly support the role of faith-based organisations in international development and the huge difference they can make in the lives of those in need. I would ask you to prayerfully consider an act of love and legacy in the planning of your Will.

Left: Alan and Janet Reid had a heart for those in need in Gaza. Their love for the Palestinian people and the heart-breaking position of women with medical needs prompted them to leave a gift in their Will to fund breast cancer work in Gaza through Anglican Overseas Aid.

Above: Lisa Brookman has generously given of her time in support of Anglican Overseas Aid and made provisions in her Will to continue her support.



TYPES OF BEQUESTS

A RESIDUARY BEQUEST

A Residuary Bequest is a gift of all or a percentage of what is left in your estate after specific gifts, taxes and debts have been fulfilled. Because it is not a specific amount, a Residuary Bequest maintains its value over time regardless of economic changes and automatically adjusts as the value of your estates fluctuates.

Suggested wording: *"I give the rest of my estate [or... percent of my residuary estate] free of all duties to Anglican Overseas Aid (ABN 39 116 072 050) for its charitable purposes and direct that the receipt of the authorised officer of Anglican Overseas Aid will be a sufficient discharge to my trustees."*

A SPECIFIC BEQUEST

A Specific Bequest is a gift of a particular item of property which can be used by Anglican Overseas Aid to generate funds, such as a home, furniture, artwork, shares or the proceeds of a named bank account.

Suggested wording: *"I give [insert a description of the item being gifted] free of all duties to Anglican Overseas Aid (ABN 39 116 072 050) for its charitable purposes and direct that the receipt of the authorised officer of Anglican Overseas Aid will be a sufficient discharge to my trustees."*

A PECUNIARY BEQUEST

A Pecuniary Bequest is the gift of a set dollar amount determined by you at the time of making your Will.

Suggested wording: *"I give the sum of \$ [insert amount] free of all duties to Anglican Overseas Aid (ABN 39 116 072 050) for its charitable purposes and direct that the receipt of the authorised officer of Anglican Overseas Aid will be a sufficient discharge to my trustees."*

In addition, we recommend that your Will contain the following statement:

"I make this gift with the following directions to my executor: If Anglican Overseas Aid has ceased to exist or has changed its name or has amalgamated with another organisation, then the gift shall not fail but my executor(s) shall pay it to the organisation in Australia that they consider most nearly fulfils the objects that I intend to benefit."



*A grandmother holds her grandson in Lekiji, Kenya. Her daughter-in-law died in childbirth unable to access medical care in time, so she is the child's primary carer.
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