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Glen Waverley Uniting Church – The Future Fund and Our Relationship

Thank you for your involvement and generosity with Glen Waverley Uniting Church. We are fortunate to have wonderful facilities and staff through the determination, and contributions of our members, past and present.

Their hard work and gifts have made us financially strong and provided the buildings and equipment that we enjoy today.

Our Congregation has contributed through the provision of Donations, Gifts and Bequests to assist and support GWUC.

Recently there have been changes to how gifts and bequests are handled, and gifts using bequests in terms of Wills and Estates are made. The Synod has recently announced significant changes to the provision of gifts, donations, and wills, so that any which included a tie to specific actions and obligations upon the Congregations will be managed centrally through Synod Secretariat.

We've produced several pieces of communications and will include a couple of brochures from Synod and Glen Waverley Uniting Church to update you on these changes.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church has established "The Future Fund" to manage all gifts, and bequests which come with no specific instructions and ties, where the funds can be applied in the ongoing function and operations through the planning and activities initiated and managed by Church Council.

The changes to gifts and bequests which include specific ties and obligations upon GWUC through the Will and or Estate are detailed in the Synod Brochure which you will receive either via email of through the post over the next several weeks.

This information is designed to clarify the changes to our Congregation members, so that they and their family members can have confidence in taking decisions in their Wills and in making gifts to Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

We value the generosity of our congregation and their gifts, are respectful of your privacy and want to ensure that these significant changes are understood or explained.

There may be continuing questions, and we encourage you to discuss these issues with Ken Coutts, our Treasurer, in a private conversation. For specific financial advice, we recommend consulting with your financial advisor or Accountant.

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