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### One Resolution to Keep

The 19<sup>th</sup> century American essayist, Ralph Waldo Emerson, noted: “This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it.” In this New Year, the time is now to review, and possibly update, your financial and estate planning. As a starting point, perhaps, take time to review your will, or take steps to prepare one. It is amazing that fewer than half of adult Americans have a will. Foremost, your will, or living trust, reflects your values and interests, as well as intentions to ensure a smooth disposition of your assets. Young and older adults alike – whether single, married, parents, unmarried couples – should have a will in place. Without one, your intents for loved ones and favorite charities may be compromised.

So in this New Year, resolve to review your will. And as you affirm your intents, consider a Legacy Gift to (church). To explore the various options for making a Legacy Gift, contact Val Walker, Executive Director, Minnesota United Methodist Foundation 612-230-3337, or [val.walker@mnumf.org](mailto:val.walker@mnumf.org) And, if you already have included (church) in your plans, please let us know so we can convey a heart-felt thanks. *Happy New Year!*