



Friends of Poetry Bequests

Please consider leaving something to the League of Canadian Poets in your will. By doing so you will be helping ensure that the League continues to operate on behalf of poetry and poets in Canada.

You may feel, as I do, that leaving something to the League, whether it be cash residue of your estate, shares, annuities or other valuable property is a good thing to do for poetry in Canada. And I agree. When I looked around, I realized that the League was where I wanted my money to go.

You may leave a financial amount for operating expenses, for a particular award or for a program that best fits your benevolent aims. Or you may wish to have your award be invested prudently on behalf of the League so that it continues to fund the League on an annual basis, with the initial amount kept safely with our growing endowment. Alternatively, you may wish to have your own investment trustee administer your endowment.

We have set up an investment arrangement with RBC Dominion Securities who will manage our endowment for us.

Feel free to get in touch with me if you need to have a chat prior to making your bequest. We have some suggested legal wording for your will and you may want to have your lawyer get in touch – as every jurisdiction has its own laws - as well as an accountant who will advise you on the best tax-sheltering method of making a bequest, taking into account your specific circumstances.

My intention is to keep contact with our bequest program after my term in office is over, for at least the term of being Past President, and until I am satisfied that there is an adequate ongoing program to professionally manage the money left to the League.

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