



CSW everyone
free to believe

Leave a legacy of
freedom with CSW

Defend freedom.

From dramatic releases of prisoners such as Helen Berhane and Li Heping to the setting up of a UN Commission of Inquiry into human rights abuses in Eritrea and North Korea, CSW has been working for freedom of religion or belief for 40 years. The world today is so different to the days when CSW was first set up – Communism was the greatest threat to freedom of religion or belief on the radar, and much of our work was carried out in Eastern Europe.

Though the world has changed in that time, the need for our work defending freedom of religion or belief hasn't.

As nations navigated their way through the many challenges the COVID-19 pandemic continued to pose in 2021, new urgent challenges emerged which needed to be addressed: military coups brought unrest in Myanmar/Burma and Sudan, peaceful calls for freedom and basic rights in Cuba were met with a harsh crackdown on citizens, religious minorities in China suffered under the harshest clampdown in a generation as places of worship were closed and religious buildings demolished, atrocity crimes and grave human rights crises unfolded in Tigray, and Nigeria was a nation in crisis.



Make a difference

Change lives

On 3 June, a Christian couple sentenced to death for blasphemy, Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel were acquitted of all charges by the Lahore High Court after being in prison for almost eight years.

In 2014, Shafqat Emmanuel and Shagufta Kausar were wrongly convicted under Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws for allegedly sending text messages which disrespected Islam's Prophet Mohammad. The couple are illiterate and unable to text in English; they have always maintained their innocence.

Throughout their ordeal CSW has worked with local partners, undertaking private advocacy for their release. CSW has consistently advocated for the reform and, ultimately, the repeal of Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws for over 15 years. Echoing the voices of religious minorities in Pakistan, and working with human rights activists and local partners, we continually raise concerns about the misuse of the blasphemy laws in every advocacy arena.

We are grateful for CSW's supporters around the world who prayed and advocated for their freedom.

Act. For freedom.

Chinese human rights lawyer Li Heping was imprisoned in 2015, one of over 300 human rights defenders targeted by a severe government crackdown. CSW campaigned for Li's release for two years, organising a protest outside the Chinese Embassy in London and handing a petition of over 2,000 signatures. In May 2017, Li was released back to his family.

Photo: China Aid



Li Heping , his wife and family after his release

A gift in your will

As well as providing for your loved ones, a will gives you an opportunity to make a positive difference to the world for generations to come. By leaving a gift in your will to CSW, you will help ensure that the right to freedom of religion or belief is upheld and protected, so people can practise their beliefs without fear of harassment or persecution.

It is a good idea to use a solicitor when making your will, and there are different ways that you can leave a legacy gift to CSW:

A residuary legacy is a percentage or share of your estate after other gifts have been made and expenses paid. By leaving a percentage of the residue, your gift to CSW will not be affected by inflation.

A pecuniary legacy is a specific amount of money for the charity. You can ask your solicitor to make it index-linked so that the gift retains its value.

A specific legacy is an item that you would like to leave to CSW, e.g. property, shares or jewellery.



“I will speak up not only for my husband, but for all the people that ‘fall down’ in front of me. It is your action that encouraged me.”

**Li Heping’s wife,
Wang Qiaoling**

You might find the following wording useful if you choose to leave a gift in your will to CSW. Please discuss this with your solicitor, who can also advise you on adding a codicil (a new instruction) to your existing will.

Residuary legacy

I give to Christian Solidarity Worldwide of 46-50 Coombe Road, New Malden KT3 4QF, registered charity number 281836 [all/ % of the residue] of my estate absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Finance Director or other proper office at CSW for the time being shall be a full and final sufficient discharge to my executor(s).

Pecuniary legacy

I give to Christian Solidarity Worldwide of 46-50 Coombe Road, New Malden KT3 4QF, registered charity number 281836 the sum of [x£ specify words and figures] free of tax for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Finance Director or other proper office at CSW for the time being shall be a full and final sufficient discharge to my executor(s).



‘SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL WHO ARE DESTITUTE. SPEAK UP AND JUDGE FAIRLY; DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR AND NEEDY.’

PROVERBS 31: 8-9

Your vital role



“CSW is the only Christian organisation that’s working with national governments and the UN to create a freer, fairer world, not just for Christians but for people of all different faiths and none.

That kind of world is the best legacy I can imagine, and that’s why I have left a gift in my will to CSW. I hope others will join me in this. It is a simple way to ensure the work of CSW will continue to work for freedom of religion for many generations to come.”

Simon George, Legacy supporter

Make a difference

Thank you so much for leaving a legacy of freedom.

I've been privileged to see CSW grow from the very beginning, and I'm constantly amazed at how God has kept us going through the generosity and faithfulness of our supporters. Much of our work is long-term and many of our projects and campaigns are funded through the legacies of our supporters. It's an extraordinary and humbling gesture of faith in CSW's work.



Mervyn Thomas CMG
Founder President



Our manifesto #11

**We believe we can all play
a part in campaigning for
freedom of religion or belief.**

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CSW is a human rights organisation advocating for freedom of religion or belief, and as Christians we stand with everyone facing injustice because of their religion or belief.

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