

... renewing old acquaintances, making new friends, taking care of alumni business, worshipping ...

50th Reunion by worshipping together on Monday morning, sharing a meal with the dean in the Common Room, and gathering together as a class on a few different occasions to share stories of how they have spent the last 50 years. Robert Hanson '55 B.D. reflected, "Yale's uniqueness, so very apparent in those who shared their life stories on Monday, is the inspiration of the old social gospel emphases of the 50s. That value system was a guiding light in all our various ministries... most of which were not in parish churches. Perhaps this larger concept of ministry is what makes YDS truly unique: the dynamism of the Christian ministry infused throughout all vocations and life choices."

Dodie Younger '50 M.Div. and ten of her classmates and their guests celebrated their 55th Reunion and are looking forward to their 60th! They were able to worship together, celebrate at a luncheon, and spend other informal time together as a class to share stories of the past 55 years.

The classes of '64, '65, and '66 celebrated a cluster reunion and shared dinner at Mory's on Wednesday evening. The festivities began with a serenade from the Spizzwinks, an underclassman a cappella group who were making the rounds with "the cup" that evening.

The Class of 1980 celebrated their 25th at a reunion dinner on Monday night at the Quinnipack Club. On Wednesday



Current student Travis Weber '08 M.Div. chats with alumnus Timothy Morita '85 S.T.M. and his wife, Janet, during the Classes of '84, '85, and '86 cluster reunion at the Quinnipack Club.

they hosted a lunch open to the entire community. Those in attendance gathered over pizza and salad to reflect on their time at YDS and their ministry since graduation. The event was entitled "From Generation to Generation—A conversation about ministry and the changes in our world." The reunion planning committee, Dee Brown-Daniels '80 M.Div., Jerry Henry '80 M.Div., and Talitha Arnold '80 M.Div., facilitated the conversation. Alumni shared stories about beloved professors



Rev. Edward J. Hummel, Jr., '56 M.Div., and wife, Mrs. Joann R. Hummel '55 M.Div., reminisce with Harlan Hobgood '55 M.Div. during a reunion luncheon.

and discussed the ways in which the lessons learned at Yale have informed their work and their lives.

Maryetta Anschutz '01 M.Div. catered a cocktail party at Berkeley Center for her reunion. Nearly twenty recent graduates attended and shared with one another the paths that their careers have taken over the last few years. Among those at the reunion was Joseph Pae '01 M.Div., who was named to the Yale Divinity School Board of Alumna Affairs at the annual meeting of alumni on Tuesday afternoon.

Yale Divinity School honored five graduates with distinguished alumni awards at a special banquet on the second day of Convocation and Reunions week. Award recipients included Nancy H. Broeder '85 M.A.R., who has made over 2,000 visits to prison inmates across the country (Distinction in Lay Ministry); Arthur B. Keys, Jr. '73 M.Div., founder and president of International Relief and Development, a relief agency with operations in 15 countries in Africa and Asia (William Sloane Coffin '56 Award for Peace and Justice); Frank E. Reynolds '55 B.D., retired professor of history of religions and Buddhist studies in the University of Chicago's Divinity School and Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations (Distinction in Theological Education); Joy D. Skeel '76 M.Div., professor of medical humanities and ethics in the Departments of Psychiatry and Medicine at the Medical University of Ohio in Toledo (Distinction in Community Service); and Richard B. Wilke '55 B.D., retired United Methodist bishop who wrote the *DISCIPLE* Bible study for Christian leaders (Distinction in Ordained Ministry).

ALUMNUS ARTHUR KEYS JR. RECEIVES COFFIN AWARD FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

by Gustav Spohn '73 M.A.R.

ARTHUR B. KEYS JR. '73 M.Div. HEADS a large nonsectarian international relief agency, and he credits his training more than three decades ago at Yale Divinity School with serving him well in a world that he calls "radically pluralistic and dynamic."

"Yale's ecumenical tradition, its historic understanding of worldwide mission in a complex world, and its encouragement of healthy dialogue and respect across and among various Christian and non-Christian traditions gave me an early entrée into cross-cultural dialogue and work," says Keys, who was awarded the William Sloane Coffin '56 Award for Peace and Justice this year by YDS.

Religious considerations are important to the work of International Relief and Development (IRD), which Keys founded and now serves as president and CEO, because of the need for a "hearty recognition and acceptance of the human plurality of religious expression and belief," in Keys's opinion. "That is, we live in a radically pluralistic and dynamic world. International relief needs to occur and be accepted by believers in all societies, Muslim, Buddhist, Christian (Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox), Jewish, Animist, Marxist, Atheist, Animist, no belief, etc."

"We are aware of the power of religion that can positively bring people together and heal as when an Imam actively works with us to provide counsel and comfort and 'psychosocial assistance' to tsunami victims or when religion is used to fuel civil wars that cause displaced persons."

Keys cites a number of faculty as being especially important to his training at Yale, people like Liston Pope, Margaret Farley '70 M.Phil., '73 Ph.D., Charles Powers '68 M.Phil., '69 Ph.D., Joseph Duffey, William Muehl, Randall Miller, and Charles Forman.

Based in Arlington, Virginia, IRD's stated mission is to improve the living conditions and lives of the world's most vulnerable populations. The organization has a good relationship, according to Keys, with many of the denominational and parachurch agencies that YDS alumni regularly support, such as InterAction, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, Church World Service, LDS Charities, International Orthodox Christian Charities, Catholic Relief Services, World Vision, and Lutheran World Relief.

As IRD president and CEO, Keys has been directly involved in management of an aggregate of approximately \$322 million in development assistance with major grants from the United States Agency for International Development, United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of State, and private and faith-based donors. IRD has programs in Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Ukraine, Serbia, Iraq, Jordan, Cameroon, Chad, Mozambique, and Montenegro under the sectors of relief, civil society, infrastructure, food security, economic development and health. The agency has 900 staff worldwide.

While IRD has extensive overseas operations, the organization's efforts turned closer to home after Hurricane Katrina unleashed her fury on the Gulf Coast states. Two weeks after Katrina struck, Keys went south in person with an IRD assessment team and met with representatives of regional charitable organizations to partner in immediate and long-term relief efforts.

In the early 1980s, Keys lived and worked in the former Yugoslavia under the auspices of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Urban-Rural Mission Program. He speaks Serbo-Croatian and is the author of numerous articles dealing with public policy and the Balkans.

Keys earned a B.A. from Bethany College and a D.Min. from Emory University and has clergy standing in both the Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ. He is married and the father of three children.



Arthur Keys '73 M.Div.



Arthur Keys chats with Kwami Osei-Reed '79 M.Div. at a recent YDS alumni gathering on Capitol Hill.