



## Dean's Award for Outstanding Service

### Robert K. Loesch '66 B.D.

You are a star among Yale Divinity School volunteers!

A native New Englander, you and your twin brother, Bill, not only shared a bedroom growing up, but also a keen interest in social justice and international relations. You both studied at Oberlin College, where you earned your B.A. in religion in 1963.

After Oberlin, you and Bill reached the proverbial "fork in the road," and he headed off to Andover Newton Theological Seminary and you arrived at YDS.

As a student, you were an early ambassador for YDS. Juggling a full course load, you served several West Haven congregations. As part of that ministry, you presented educational programs about race relations and discrimination, and worked to improve communication between the city's minority population and community leaders.

In service to your class, you have been a no-nonsense, get-the-job done volunteer.

You have attended every 1966 Reunion ever held—  
from the first one in 1971 through this year's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion—a total of 10 reunions, including  
8 cluster reunions and a 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 1991.

You have served on many of your reunion planning committees and chaired this year's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee. A believer in "paying it forward," you have been sharing all that you know with YDS's Class of 1967 as they look ahead to their 50<sup>th</sup> in 2017.

You are a champion of annual giving and have been a Class Agent for 36 years. Your biannual letters to the class and yearly Christmas messages are legendary for their warmth and newsiness. You are truly the glue that keeps your class connected.

Tonight we celebrate you and also the affiliation of YDS and Andover Newton, which will bring you and Bill together again on converging paths.

For your tireless devotion to your class and all that you have done for Yale Divinity School, we are delighted to recognize you with the Dean's Award for Outstanding Service.

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Gregory E. Sterling, Dean