

## Yale Divinity School Class of 1970

May Day 1970 on the New Haven Green was memorable for many of us. Several of us wrote about it for Jerry Kirkpatrick's [Memoirs collection](#). With graduation just ahead, we worked with the university, Kingman Brewster, Bill Coffin and student leaders, to facilitate a safe, inclusive day of protest for thousands of visitors. While other universities closed their doors, Yale opened wide to young students from across the nation.

Protest planners sought to accommodate free speech protest of the Vietnam War, dishonesty in Washington and other frustrations. Students, faculty and administrators were committed to non-violence and the safety of students, out-of-town visitors and military personnel. Thanks to enlightened administration, Yale College and Divinity students, faculty and others, these goals were accomplished. Free speech prevailed.

The planning committee for our YDS '70 Class Reunion, invites your participation in a Zoom sharing of memories and reflections on May Day, 1970. Where were we and what were some of us doing? Did the experience in any way influence our lives and callings? Perhaps recent societal unrest unlocks old memories and emotions from May Day '70.

We've added to our [50<sup>th</sup> Reunion website](#) the [May 1970 Yale Alumni Magazine](#) to begin your reflecting.

Join us for an informal Zoom discussion  
**May Day Memories**  
**1970 on the New Haven Green**  
Tuesday, March 9, 7:00-8:30 pm Eastern

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or

Android: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/2034323871?pwd=YjA4bDJVVS95cEZ1b0hUT2d3ajZSQT09>

Password: djvl29

Or Telephone : 203-432-9666

Meeting ID: 203 432 3871

**Please RSVP to [divinity.alumni@yale.edu](mailto:divinity.alumni@yale.edu)** so we know to expect you that evening and can send you a friendly reminder and zoom link again.

Also let us know if you are not receiving Class notices by emailing your contact information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks,

*YDS '70 Class Reunion Committee,*

*Phil Blackwell, Cathie Cipolla, Ron Evans, Sam Gladding, Royal Rhodes, Chuck Wildman*

P.S. A reminder also to submit your personal contact info and narrative for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class book by February 25: <https://tinyurl.com/YDS70ReunionClassBook>