

Harold C. Smith

Honorary Degree Recipient

Dedicated to helping those who enable others to reach their *highest potentials*, Harold C. Smith has served the YMCA movement, his church, and Springfield College professionally and personally.

Mr. Smith has combined his Christian commitment with *professional expertise* as president and chief investment officer of the YMCA Retirement Fund, one of the most lucrative funds in the United States. Because of his skill, YMCA professionals can pursue their work of "building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities," confident in their future financial security.

Harold Smith's *commitment to the YMCA movement* is evident in his leadership throughout the organization. He is treasurer of the Y-Mutual Insurance Company; director of the World Federation of Associations of YMCA Secretaries; dean of the Academy of Certified Professional Directors of the YMCAs of the USA; member, former president, and former treasurer of the Association of Professional Directors of the YMCA; member of the YMCA of the USA International Committee; and former vice president of the YMCA National Employees Credit Union. At the YMCA of Greater New York, he holds multiple positions—he is the director, the chairman of the support staff pension plan, the chairman of the investment committee, and a member of the finance and international student services committees.

Senior pastor of Unity Hill United Church of Christ in Trumbull, Connecticut, since 1958, Mr. Smith is also chairman of the Committee on Corporate Responsibility of the United Church of Christ in New York City. He further contributed his expertise to the United Church of Christ as a trustee of its pension boards, serving as chairman of its assistance grants and investment committees, as a trustee of its foundation where he was a member of the investment committee, and as director and secretary of United Church of Christ Residences, Inc.

The Greater Bridgeport *community* has also been the beneficiary of his abilities, as he has been a trustee of the Bridgeport Area Foundation and chairman of its investment committee, and a member of the League of Women Voters of the Bridgeport Area, and member of the Trumbull Interfaith Committee.

He is a trustee and corporator of Springfield College and past president of the Ursinus College New York Area Alumni Association.