A YDS initiative for financial aid
Upon his death in 2014, the Yale Divinity School (YDS) received a bequest from the estate of Howard Benson '53 STM that Reverend Benson hoped would be used for the school’s greatest need. YDS has now received generous additional funds from an anonymous donor. With these combined resources, Yale Divinity School has established a $750,000 challenge fund to encourage the creation of new endowed scholarships as part of the Access Yale initiative for financial aid.

Magnify the impact of your gift to YDS
Any new gift or commitment of $50,000 or more to create a new endowed scholarship fund for Yale Divinity School students studying for the ordained ministry will be matched by an additional $50,000 from the challenge fund.

Here’s how it works:
• Give $500,000 over the next five years? Have an additional $50,000 placed in the fund for a total of $550,000.
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• Any gift of $50,000 or more is eligible for the $50,000 challenge match as long as the original commitment is paid within five years and the first $10,000 is paid before June 30, 2016.
• You will receive gift credit for the amount of your gift but the total fund principal will include your gift plus the $50,000 match.
• Your fund may be named for yourself, or to honor or memorialize a family member or loved one.
• The challenge will run until June 30, 2016, or until the challenge fund is exhausted, whichever comes first.

For more information
Access Yale is a two-year, university-wide initiative in support of financial aid at Yale. The initiative seeks to build financial aid endowment across all of Yale’s schools, as well as raise current use funds that can go to work immediately to support financial aid in Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the professional schools. For more information about how you can participate in the Access Yale Divinity Challenge, please contact:

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