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As products of the social ferment of 1968, it's no surprise we have a strong social commitment with many challenging ideas. Here are some responses in our 50th reunion essays to the prompt, "How to Make the World a Better Place 50 Years From Now." Ponder the full essays at www.dartmouth68.org/assets/68-reunion-essays.pdf.

Peter Temple: "Require American high school graduates to engage in two years of mandatory national service."

Bob Tarr: "Fairly equal distribution of wealth and opportunities throughout the world."

Bob Tharinger: "Swing thinking to appreciation of the common good. De-accentuate the short-term gain, favoring the long-term benefit to as many as possible."

Russ Andrews: "Equality of opportunity: All citizens shall have access to basic but complete healthcare without significant charge."

Rick Thorner: "For the next 50 years to be truly better than the past, everyone needs to have their hard drives erased so that biases around religion, race, or ethnicity are things of the past."

Bob Bednarz: "A strong liberal-arts-based education for all."

Wells Chandler: "Compassion, communication, and understanding among the people of planet Earth to better the common concerns of all."

Bob Block: "For-profit healthcare is destroying the nation."

Tom Stonecipher: "Intelligent, increased socialization of healthcare and breaking and radically reducing the for-profit aspects of medicine and pharmacy."

Ted Bovill: "The two greatest problems confronting us are the explosion of worldwide populations and the current challenges to liberal democracy."

Dave Dibelius: "Find a new planet for us to live on. Eventually our current planet will become too depleted, polluted, and over-populated and we will have to leave."

Dow Stewart: "America's most severe problem is its federal government. It is bloated, unresponsive to its citizenry, corrupt, and pernicious to the society it should be enriching."

Pete Wonson: "Take better care of the planet. Place the health of Earth above the corporate profit motive."

Kim Ritchey: "The last 50 years have been characterized by an increasing distance between the haves and the have-nots. We need to bring the disparate groups together."

Sarr Blumson: "We need to enlarge our sense of community. Most of the world's problems come from a sense of us vs. them."

Woody Thompson: “Do away with the Electoral College.”

Noel Augustyn: “A reversal of many decisions made by the U.S. Supreme Court concerning the First and Fourteenth Amendments might possibly reverse the decline in our civilization, but it is probably too late.”

Paul Smith: “Create a binding world government elected by the peoples of the world.”

Marshall Wolff: “It is inexcusable that we have the means to take a big bite out of hunger and poverty in this country, much less the world, and don’t make it a priority.”

Sad news: **Paul Boymel** died June 30, 2014; Dr. **Peter Godfrey** died July 24, 2018; and **Don Clausing** died September 12, 2018. Full obituaries are on the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* website.

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