



**Eloise & John Morehouse Bio**

### **Living the Mission Award**

Holmes is proud to present the Living the Mission Award to Eloise and John Morehouse whose lives and work exemplify Holmes mission to educate, empower and renew through faith, community and hospitality.

Eloise and John both grew up in Brooklyn and attended Brooklyn Friends School there, but in different years. John was baptized and confirmed in the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn. Eloise is a member of the Brooklyn Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends. They now live in the Bronx where for many years John has been a member of Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

The couple met at summer camp in 1960 and married five years later. They have two children, Liz and Tim, and three grandchildren. The couple will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary in November.

Eloise and John were introduced to Holmes by the Rev. Don and Charlotte Hostetter when John served as an elder and clerk of the old Ft. Washington Presbyterian Church. Following the merger of that church with Washington Heights Presbyterian Church in the 1980s, he transferred to Riverdale Presbyterian.

Over the years Eloise and John have come to Holmes for fund raisers at Agape, Friends Days, and the weddings of friends. John is retired from a 40-year career in the textile and apparel industry and Eloise, after thirty years, from a publishing company. After retirement, John, with help from Eloise, became executive director of the old Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit and was on the board of a large artists club for 17 years serving in various positions including treasurer. Eloise has served on the board of Brooklyn Friends School.

At Holmes, John served thirteen years on the board, including one as president. During that time, he chaired the gala committee for six years, raising money for camp operations and for renovations to the Denton Recreation Hall and the Denton Dining Hall. He has recently spearheaded fund raising for renovations to Agape.

John has a deep love for history and Holmes Camp. Moreover, as much as he loves what Holmes has been and has meant to so many people, he also has a passion for what it can become and embraces the changes that lie ahead. He is often a quiet leader of fundraising efforts for projects and improvements. He is always willing to offer support and guidance to projects at Holmes.