# THE NON-PROFIT Networker

THE INTERCHURCH CENTER

SEPTEMBER 2026 EDITION

## President's Corner

As summer draws to a close and schools reopen, we enter a season filled with new beginnings, renewed focus, and fresh opportunities. Students return to classrooms, educators prepare to inspire another generation, and families adjust to new routines. Throughout our community, there is a shared sense that it is time to begin again.

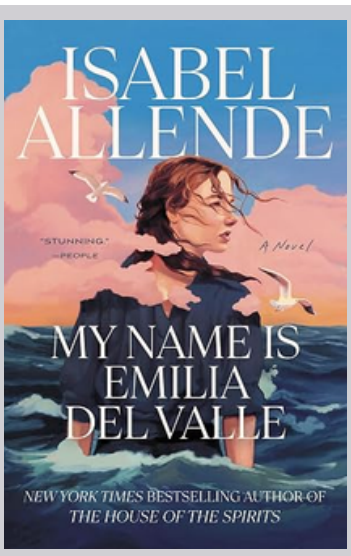
Fall also reminds us that change is a natural and necessary part of growth. Here at The Interchurch Center, that change can be seen through the renovations and improvements taking place throughout our building. These investments are part of our continued commitment to making TIC more than a place to work. We want it to feel like a home away from home for our tenants, a welcoming, comfortable, and collaborative environment where people can connect, thrive, and advance their missions.

While renovations may occasionally bring temporary inconveniences, they are helping us create a stronger tenant experience and prepare TIC for the future. We appreciate your patience and partnership as this important work continues.

As we enter this new season, let us embrace the opportunities ahead, strengthen our connections, and continue discovering new ways to collaborate. To our students, educators, parents, and everyone beginning a new chapter, we wish you a safe, productive, and inspiring school year.

May this fall be a season of renewal, meaningful progress, and shared impact for the entire TIC community.

† Robert Bolton




### BOOKS THAT BIND BOOK CLUB

@ THE RUTH STAFFORD PEALE LIBRARY

This month, the Books That Bind Book Club features My Name Is Emilia del Valle by Isabel Allende, a sweeping historical novel of courage, identity, and self-discovery. Set in the late 19th century, the story follows Emilia, an ambitious young writer who defies society's expectations and journeys from San Francisco to war-torn Chile as a journalist. As she confronts danger and uncovers truths about her family, Emilia discovers the strength to define her own future. Rich with history and adventure, this captivating novel celebrates finding your voice and embracing who you are.

## TENANT SPOTLIGHT

### RICHARD SANTOS

CWS

This month, The Interchurch Center spotlights Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based global humanitarian organization that has spent 80 years transforming communities through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Founded by a coalition of Christian denominations, CWS works across the United States and around the world toward a vision where everyone has food, a voice, and a safe place to call home.

About Church World Service

At the heart of CWS is a commitment to welcoming the stranger and walking alongside communities as they build lasting solutions to some of the world's most urgent challenges. CWS prioritizes strong local partnerships, recognizing that sustainable change is most effective when communities are empowered to lead. Its work is guided by the values of justice, hope, belonging, collaboration, and integrity.

Their work includes:

- Displacement & Refugee Resettlement: Helping refugees and newcomers rebuild their lives through resettlement services, legal assistance, and community integration.
- Hunger & Poverty: Partnering with communities to create locally rooted solutions to malnutrition, poverty, and economic hardship
- Disaster Relief & Recovery: Supporting communities before, during, and long after disasters through preparedness, emergency response, and long-term recovery.

For eight decades, CWS has remained committed to meeting evolving needs while serving communities with dignity, compassion, and hope.

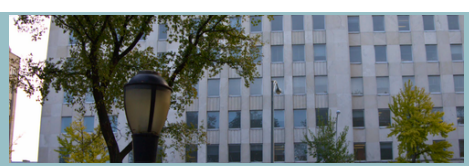
Spotlight on Richard (Rick) Santos

Rick Santos has served as President and CEO of Church World Service since 2021, bringing more than 30 years of experience with faith-based and humanitarian organizations. Prior to joining CWS, he served as President and CEO of IMA World Health and spent a decade in Asia working alongside local organizations and communities.

Throughout his career, Rick has championed an approach that places local partnerships and community expertise at the center of sustainable development. Under his leadership, CWS continues to strengthen its global impact while remaining rooted in its longstanding mission of walking alongside vulnerable communities. Through collaboration and a commitment to human dignity, Rick and the CWS team continue building pathways toward hope, opportunity, and belonging.

LEARN MORE

## Got News?



Want to place an announcement in the Non-Profit Networker?

Contact Rachel Rivera at rrivera@interchurch-center.org or (212) - 870 - 2954

## Want the Spotlight?

If you desire to be featured in our newsletter please let us know.

Contact Rachel Rivera at rrivera@interchurch-center.org or (212) - 870 - 2954

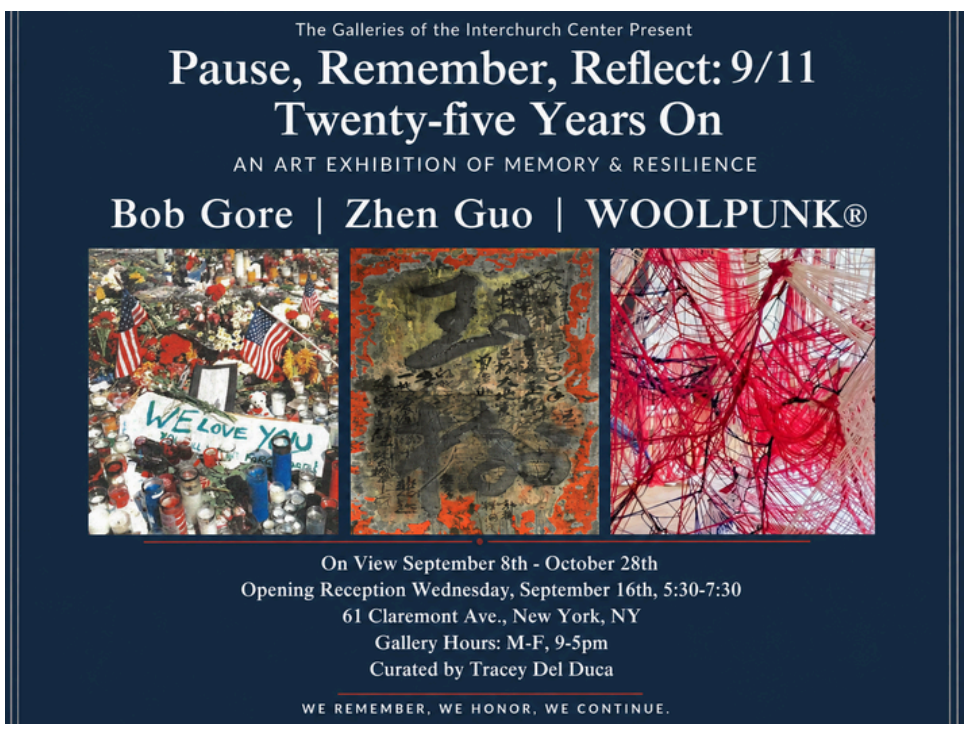
THE NON-PROFIT

# Networker

THE INTERCHURCH CENTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| 9/03 | TIC Building Orientation |
| 9/08 | Pause, Remember, Reflect: 9/11 Art Exhibit (thru 10/28) |
| 9/10 | Books That Bind Book Club Meeting |
| 9/16 | 9/11 Film Screening + Art Exhibit Reception |
| 9/17 | Crafting Club |
| 9/17 | 19th Floor Tenant Networking Breakfast |



**SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**

SCAN, HOLD DOWN THE QR CODES OR CLICK ICONS TO FOLLOW US

YouTube facebook LinkedIn

MISSION MASTERY

## TIPS & TRICKS FOR NON-PROFITS

### YOUR IMPACT STORY SHOULD BE EASY TO TELL

Your nonprofit may be doing incredible work, but can your staff, board members, and volunteers explain that impact in 30 seconds? A clear, consistent message helps people understand your mission, and makes it easier for them to share it with others.

Instead of only describing what you do, connect your work to who it helps and what changes because of it.

Strengthen your impact story:

- Start with the need your organization addresses
- Explain your mission in one clear sentence
- Use one strong statistic to demonstrate your reach
- Share a brief story that puts a person behind the numbers
- Give staff and board members simple language they can confidently use
- End with a clear way for others to get involved

When everyone can communicate your mission clearly, every conversation becomes an opportunity to build awareness, strengthen relationships, and inspire support.

Clarity turns your mission into a message people can remember, and share.

# Thank You

FOR BEING A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!