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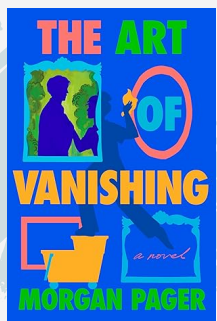
This season at The Interchurch Center has been filled with renewed energy and encouraging signs of growth. We've seen more traffic in the building, fresh collaborations between organizations, and a genuine excitement about the possibilities of community. Every conversation in the hallways, every handshake in the lobby, and every shared vision reminds me that our Center was built to be more than just a building; it is a living hub where mission and purpose come together.

At the same time, we are all aware of the polarizing and challenging times we live in. Division within the church and the broader community has caused many to feel unsettled or weary. In these moments, I believe our calling is not only to share space, but to model a deeper unity, one rooted in respect, compassion, and the common good.

Let this building continue to be a place where bridges are built, not broken; where ideas are shared, not silenced; and where people are reminded that unity does not erase our differences, but strengthens us through them.

As we move forward, may we hold fast to what brings us together: the commitment to serve, to collaborate, and to bring hope to those we encounter. Thank you for the work you do, the missions you carry, and the spirit of community you help cultivate here at The Interchurch Center.

† Robert Bolton



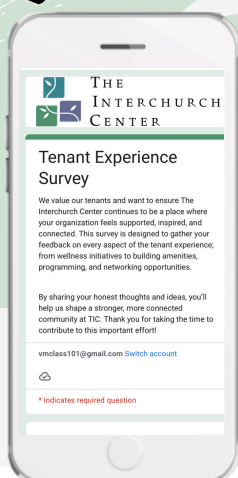
BOOKS THAT BIND BOOK CLUB @ THE RUTH STAFFORD PEALE LIBRARY

This month, the Books That Bind Book Club features *The Art of Vanishing* by Morgan Page, a captivating novel that explores the delicate line between identity and escape, where one woman's mysterious disappearance unravels hidden truths about love, ambition, and self-discovery. With its mix of suspense, wit, and emotional depth, this story invites us to question how much of ourselves we can leave behind, and how much we must carry forward, sure to spark lively conversation and reflection.

Help Us GROW!

Help us improve your experience at The Interchurch Center by sharing your feedback on amenities, programs, and community opportunities.

TAKE THE
SURVEY



TENANT SPOTLIGHT

MARIA HINOJOSA



This month, we spotlight Maria Hinojosa — an award-winning journalist, author, and media leader committed to amplifying diverse voices and reshaping the narrative in American media.

About Futuro Media Group

Futuro Media, founded by Maria Hinojosa in 2010, is a Latina-led, independent nonprofit newsroom producing Pulitzer Prize-winning journalism across audio, video, and digital platforms. With a mission to capture the complexity of an increasingly diverse country and world, Futuro Media reaches over 10 million people annually.

Known for dual-language podcasting and authentic storytelling, Futuro Media is home to *Latino USA*, the longest-running Latino news and culture program on public radio. The organization also produces acclaimed work through Futuro Studios and Futuro Investigates. Its diverse staff reflects the communities it serves, and its impact has been recognized widely—Apple Podcasts even named Futuro's series *Suave* one of the top twenty podcasts of the past twenty years.

Spotlight on Maria Hinojosa

Maria Hinojosa, Barnard College '84, magna cum laude, has built a groundbreaking 30-year career in journalism. She was the first Latina reporter at NPR and later CNN's urban affairs correspondent, giving national attention to communities rarely seen on television. She has also reported for PBS, CBS News, MSNBC, and anchored the Emmy Award-winning *Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One*. An elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, she has received numerous honors, including the Edward R. Murrow Lifetime Achievement Award and a recent Peabody Award nomination for *After Uvalde: Guns, Grief & Texas Politics*.

She is the author of four books, including the young readers edition of her memoir *Once I Was You*. Today, as Founder of Futuro Media and Distinguished Journalist in Residence at Barnard College, Maria continues to lead with vision—mentoring the next generation of journalists and ensuring that diverse voices remain at the center of American media.

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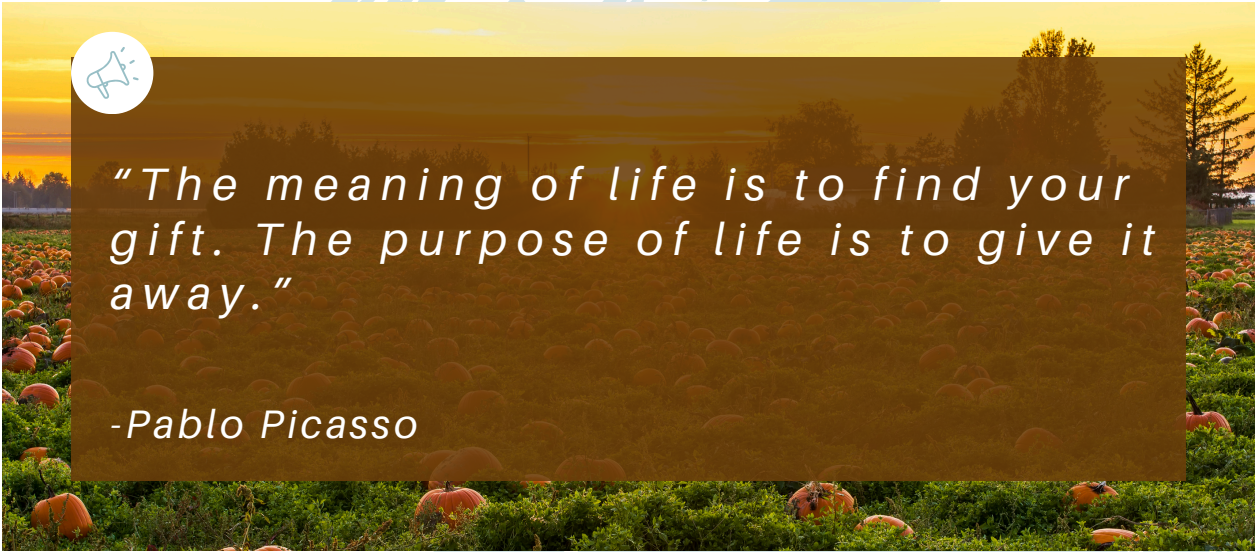


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“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”

-Pablo Picasso



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/1
- Season of Creation Interfaith Gathering
- 10/2
- United by Unique Cancer Awareness Event
- 10/2
- Building Orientation
- 10/7
- CPR & AED Training
- 10/8
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- 10/8
- Noon-Day Concert: Mario Goth & Aaron Wolff
- 10/9
- Books That Bind Book Club Meeting
- 10/13
- History and Heritage Day (Building Holiday)
- 10/15
- Non-Profit Networking Exchange
- 10/15
- Noon-Day Concert: Masayo Ishigure
- 10/20
- Coat Drive (until Nov. 14th)
- 10/22
- Noon-Day Concert: FOG Trio
- 10/29
- Noon-Day Concert: Trio Raconteur

MISSION MASTERY
TIPS & TRICKS FOR
NON-PROFITS

STRENGTHEN DONOR RETENTION IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

In today’s climate, where many nonprofits are experiencing shrinking grants and unpredictable funding, one of the smartest moves you can make is to focus on donor retention. Acquiring new donors is important, but it’s also expensive and time-consuming. Retaining your existing supporters not only costs less but also creates a more stable financial foundation for your mission.

Donor loyalty is built on trust and connection. Go beyond the standard thank-you note, share stories of impact that show exactly how their contribution is making a difference. Personalized updates, hand-written cards, or even a quick phone call can leave a lasting impression. Create opportunities for donors to feel like partners in your mission by inviting them to volunteer, attend behind-the-scenes tours, or engage with your staff and beneficiaries directly.

During uncertain times, transparency is also key. If your organization is facing funding challenges, let donors know how you are adapting and what role they can play in sustaining the mission. Many donors value honesty and will rally when they see you are being open and responsible.

Finally, measure your retention rates just as closely as your fundraising totals. By tracking donor engagement over time, you’ll identify where relationships are thriving and where they may need more attention.

CHECK OUT BLOOMERANG’S FREE GUIDE



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OCT 15, 2025 | 12PM - 3PM
475 RIVERSIDE DR | NY, NY 10115

Partners in Purpose:
Connecting for Impact



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Join us on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from 12:00–3:00 PM at The Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, NYC, for an afternoon of connection, collaboration, and impact. This dynamic event will bring together nonprofits, advocates, and community leaders to share resources, build partnerships, and strengthen the nonprofit ecosystem. With engaging discussions, opportunities to connect, and a focus on working together for greater good, this exchange is designed to empower mission-driven organizations to grow and thrive. Don’t miss this chance to be a Partner in Purpose: Connecting for Impact!



UNITED BY UNIQUE
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AWARENESS EVENT

EVERY RIBBON, EVERY STORY



Thursday, October 2nd
4:00PM - 7:00PM
Location:
475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
New York, NY 10115

RSVP

EVERY RIBBON,
EVERY STORY

Join us for an inspiring evening of connection, education, and hope. This special event will feature survivor spotlights, expert health panels, creative expressions, and opportunities to network with advocates, caregivers, and community members. Every ribbon represents a unique battle, and every story matters—together we can stand stronger against cancer and build a more compassionate, informed community.

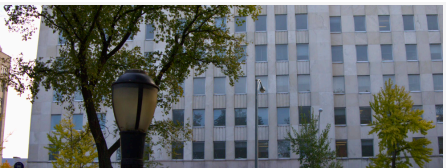
Riverside Cafe

Check out the weekly menu here:

<https://interchurch-center.org/the-riverside-cafe/>



Got News?



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

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

Thank You

FOR BEING APART OF OUR COMMUNITY!