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THE INTERCHURCH CENTER

JUNE 2026 EDITION

President's Corner

As we enter the month of June, we are reminded that meaningful growth often begins long before the final picture is complete. Across The Interchurch Center, many important pieces are currently coming together through planned renovations, operational improvements, and strategic initiatives that will continue to shape the future of our organization throughout this year.

In the months ahead, tenants and visitors will begin to see continued investments in our spaces, infrastructure, and overall tenant experience. These planned enhancements reflect more than physical improvements. They represent our ongoing commitment to strengthening how we serve, collaborate, and operate as a mission driven institution.

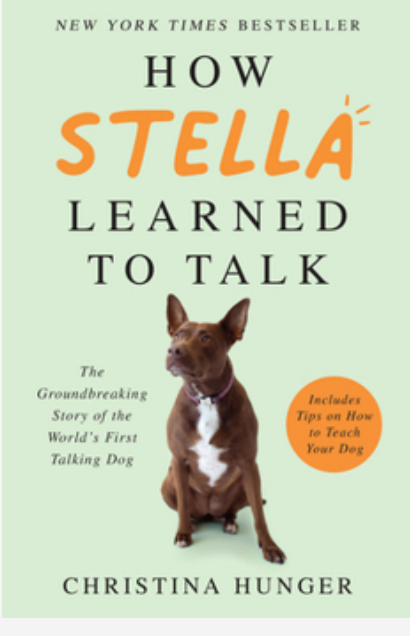
At the same time, we are continuing to refine the way we do business as an organization by focusing on communication, responsiveness, innovation, and long-term sustainability. Every project, conversation, partnership, and operational improvement is part of a broader vision to create an environment where organizations and community can thrive together.

Like a puzzle being assembled piece by piece, each initiative underway contributes to a larger picture, one centered on excellence, service, community, and shared purpose. While every piece may not yet be fully in place, the vision continues to become clearer with each step forward.

What continues to make The Interchurch Center special is the collective spirit of the people within it. Our tenants, partners, staff, and broader community all play an important role in helping shape what this institution continues to become.

Thank you for your continued partnership, patience, and commitment as we move forward together into this next season of growth and transformation.

† Robert Bolton



BOOKS THAT BIND BOOK CLUB

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This month, the Books That Bind Book Club features How Stella Learned to Talk by Christina Hunger, a heartwarming and thought-provoking memoir that explores the extraordinary bond between a speech-language pathologist and her beloved dog. Blending science, communication, and personal storytelling, this inspiring book follows Stella's journey of learning to communicate through sound buttons, challenging the way we think about language, connection, and the intelligence of animals. Through moments of humor, discovery, and emotion, the book reveals how patience, curiosity, and love can open unexpected doors of understanding.

TENANT SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TENANTS

The Interchurch Center is pleased to welcome several new organizations that have joined our community in 2026. Each brings a unique mission and commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of others. We are excited to have them as part of our growing family and look forward to supporting their work.

Founded in 1993, Four Way Books is an independent nonprofit literary press committed to publishing exceptional poetry and short fiction. Through its publications and literary programs, the organization amplifies diverse voices and enriches the cultural landscape for readers and writers alike.

Not Another Child works to address the devastating impact of gun violence through advocacy, education, and community engagement. The organization is dedicated to creating safer communities and ensuring that no family experiences the loss and trauma caused by preventable violence.

Neighbors for Neighbors is dedicated to strengthening communities through collaboration, resource-sharing, and programs that address the needs of vulnerable individuals and families. Their work focuses on creating meaningful connections that empower people and foster lasting change.

Welcome to The Interchurch Center!

We are honored to welcome these outstanding organizations to our community. Your commitment to service, advocacy, education, and empowerment reflects the values that make The Interchurch Center a vibrant hub for mission-driven organizations. We look forward to the partnerships, innovation, and impact that lie ahead as we work together to serve and strengthen our communities.

INTERIOR / EXTERIOR WINDOW CLEANING

Please be advised that TIC's interior and exterior window cleaning will take place from June 1 through June 12. Cleaning will begin on the upper floors and move downward throughout the building. Please be on the lookout for the cleaning crews and take any necessary precautions around office windows during this time. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to maintain and enhance our shared space.

Got News?

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

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

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> *"The function of freedom is to free someone else."*
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> *Toni Morrison*

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/03	Noon-Day Concert (Collective Brass)
6/03	CPR / AED Training
6/03	Riverside Cafe Social
6/04	Building Orientation
6/08	Blood Drive
6/09	Crafting Club
6/10	Artists' Reception
6/11	16th Floor Networking Breakfast
6/11	Books That Bind Book Club Meeting
6/17	Juneteenth Celebration

Thank You

FOR BEING A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

MISSION MASTERY

TIPS & TRICKS FOR NON-PROFITS

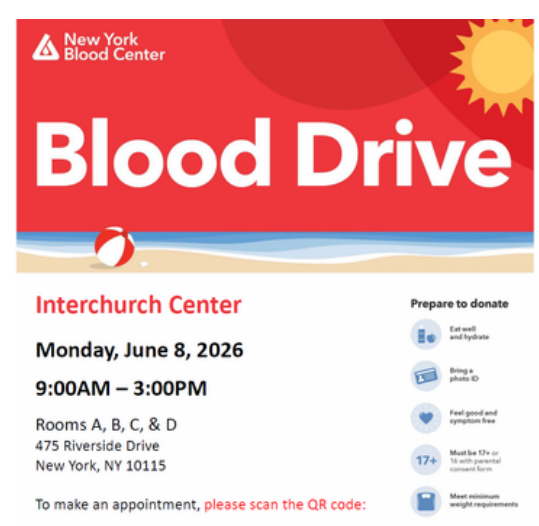
VOLUNTEERS NEED VALUE TOO: RETENTION STARTS WITH APPRECIATION

Many nonprofits focus on recruiting volunteers, but keeping great volunteers is just as important. This July, take time to strengthen the volunteer experience by making people feel seen, appreciated, and connected to the mission beyond the task itself.

Volunteers are more likely to stay engaged when they feel their time truly matters. A simple thank-you, clear communication, or personal connection can turn one-time helpers into long-term advocates. Consider improving volunteer retention this season:

- Share how volunteer efforts directly impacted the mission
- Send quick thank-you emails or spotlight volunteers publicly
- Provide clear roles and expectations before events
- Ask volunteers for feedback after projects or programs
- Create opportunities for volunteers to build community with one another

Strong volunteer relationships build stronger organizations. When people feel valued, they don't just give their time—they invest their hearts in the mission.

Appreciation turns participation into commitment.

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