

THE NON-PROFIT Networker



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MARCH 2026 EDITION

President's Corner

As we enter March, many nonprofit leaders are navigating a season of uncertainty. Economic shifts, global instability, funding pressures, and increasing community needs require clarity, adaptability, and steady resolve. While these challenges are significant, they are not unfamiliar. Our sector has consistently demonstrated its strength in the very moments that test it most. This is not a time for retreat. It is a time for focused, mission-centered leadership that keeps purpose at the forefront and communities at the heart of every decision.

Around the world and within our own neighborhoods, families are experiencing disruption, anxiety, and rapid change. In moments like these, nonprofit organizations often serve as steady anchors. Mission-driven organizations provide more than services. We provide stability, trust, and a reliable presence for those who depend on us. Across New York City and beyond, nonprofits are reassessing strategies, strengthening partnerships, and positioning themselves for long-term sustainability. Leaders are collaborating in new ways, identifying creative solutions, and continuing to show up with excellence. That resilience is both inspiring and deeply encouraging.

The Interchurch Center remains committed to supporting organizations that serve with integrity and impact. In times of uncertainty, the work of compassion, community building, and principled leadership becomes even more essential. We know that when nonprofits are strengthened, communities are strengthened. Thank you for the essential work you do each day. Your leadership and dedication continue to make a meaningful and lasting difference.

† Robert Bolton



BOOKS THAT BIND BOOK CLUB

@ THE RUTH STAFFORD PEALE LIBRARY

This month, the Books That Bind Book Club features *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid, a powerful and emotionally resonant novel set during NASA's early space shuttle era that explores ambition, friendship, identity, and unexpected love, revealing how the pursuit of greatness can challenge the heart, reshape relationships, and ultimately lead to profound personal discovery.

Take a MUSIC BREAK

Take a midweek pause and join us for TIC's Wednesday Noon-Day Concert Series, a refreshing musical break in the middle of your day. Step away from the noise, recharge your spirit, and enjoy inspiring live performances.

Scan the QR code to view the full concert schedule and upcoming artists.



TENANT SPOTLIGHT

AARON T. HOLLANDER, PHD



Graymoor Ecumenical
& Interreligious Institute
A Ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

This month, The Interchurch Center spotlights Aaron T. Hollander, PhD, Executive Director of Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute (GEII), whose leadership advances Christian unity and interreligious understanding in New York City and beyond. Rooted in a 60-year Franciscan tradition, GEII fosters peace, justice, reconciliation, collaboration, mutual appreciation, and friendship among all people.

About Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute

Founded in 1967 in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, GEII is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement and has been housed at The Interchurch Center since the early 1980s. The Institute is dedicated to research, education, and peacebuilding at the intersection of church, academy, and interfaith engagement.

Their work includes:

- Publishing *Ecumenical Trends*, an award-winning bimonthly journal offering diverse perspectives on ecumenical and interreligious life
- Hosting workshops, webinars, retreats, and an annual summer course in Rome on ecumenical and interreligious history and methodology
- Preparing and promoting materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, including TIC's annual ecumenical chapel service (January 21, 2026)
- Co-sponsoring national and international gatherings such as the North American Academy of Ecumenists and the Ecclesiological Investigations International Conferences

Spotlight on Dr. Aaron Hollander

A native New Yorker, Dr. Hollander leads the development of GEII's programs, publications, and partnerships. He serves as Editor of *Ecumenical Trends*, adjunct instructor in Theology at Fordham University, and a member of The Interchurch Center's Committee for Ecumenical, Interreligious, and Community Concerns. Through dialogue, research, and collaboration, he equips faith leaders and communities with the tools needed for humane conversation and shared action—strengthening GEII's mission to build unity and advance the common good.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/04 Noon-Day Concert (Meghann Vaughn & Sidney Outlaw)
- 3/05 Building Orientation
- 3/11 Noon-Day Concert (TIC Chorus)
- 3/18 Noon-Day Concert (Lisa Daehlin)
- 3/19 Books That Bind Book Club Meeting
- 3/25 Noon-Day Concert (Alegria Ensemble)

Building Orientation

March 5th | 11AM

Suite 240



RSVP Required

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INFORMATION COVERED

Our Mission & Community
Building Hours & Security Protocol
Amenities
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Library & Book Club
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MEETING ROOM RENOVATION



The Interchurch Center is currently undergoing renovations to several meeting spaces, including Dining Rooms A, B, C, and D, as well as The Lounge.

As part of the planning & renovation process, these rooms will be temporarily unavailable for reservations from mid-June through end of September.

Existing reservations outside of this timeframe will not be affected. Additional details will be shared once plans are finalized. In the meantime, our team is happy to assist with alternative space options within the building.

Thank You

FOR BEING A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

MISSION MASTERY

TIPS & TRICKS FOR NON-PROFITS

BOARD ENGAGEMENT THAT WORKS: MOVE FROM OVERSIGHT TO ADVOCACY

A strong board is one of a nonprofit's greatest assets, yet many organizations underutilize this powerful resource. While fiduciary oversight is essential, mission-driven boards should also function as ambassadors, connectors, and strategic thought partners. March is an ideal time to assess whether your board is simply governing... or actively advancing the mission.

High-impact boards do more than review financials and approve policies. They open doors to new funders, strengthen credibility in the community, support executive leadership, and amplify the organization's voice. When board members clearly understand their role in fundraising, storytelling, and relationship-building, the organization's reach expands naturally.

Consider building board engagement intentionally this season:

- Provide a quarterly "mission snapshot" with impact highlights and talking points
- Clarify fundraising and ambassador expectations in writing
- Add one strategic growth discussion to each board meeting agenda
- Invite members to host small gatherings, donor introductions, or virtual info sessions
- Offer an annual board refresher on governance, advocacy, and accountability

When boards move from passive oversight to active advocacy, organizations gain momentum. Intentional engagement strengthens governance, increases sustainability, deepens leadership support, and accelerates community impact. Strong boards don't just protect the mission, they propel it.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

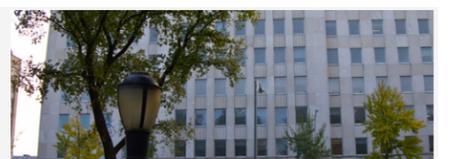
Riverside Cafe

Check out the weekly menu here:

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



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

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