

The Interchurch Center Trivia

How well do you know The Interchurch Center?

1. Prior to 1975 _____ was allowed in the Elevators?
 - A. Meetings
 - B. Tap dancing
 - C. Smoking
 - D. Eating

Answer C. Smoking

2. In December 1962 Henry A. McCanna of NCCC contributed the following original song to the Newsletter?
 - A. Christmas at TIC
 - B. Car Pool Blues
 - C. An Ode to The Interchurch Center
 - D. OH TIC OH TIC

Answer B. Car Pool Blues

3. What was the original name of the First Newsletter?
 - A. 475 Riverside Drive
 - B. TIC Tattler
 - C. The Interchurch Center Newsletter
 - D. TIC Gossip Rag

Answer A. 475 Riverside Drive

4. Which sign hung in the Lobby when the building first opened?
 - A. Please do not feed the Puffins
 - B. No Smoking in the Elevator
 - C. No roller-skating in the Lobby
 - D. Please do not spill coffee on the terrazzo

Answer D. Please do not spill coffee on the terrazzo

5. In 1974 Jessie W. Scott of the United Presbyterian Church wrote the following poem after giving blood?
 - A. Wow That Really Hurt
 - B. How to Save a Life
 - C. What Would You do for a Cookie

D. This is My Blood

Answer D. This My Blood

6. In 1979 what seminar was offered?
- A. How to be a more effective speaker
 - B. Disco Dancing
 - C. Accounting issues for non-profits & churches
 - D. Paint by numbers

Answer B. Disco Dancing

7. The exhibit in the Treasure Room in December 1980 featured an original Collection of what?
- A. Puppets
 - B. Christmas Cards
 - C. Muppets
 - D. Christmas Ornaments

Answer A. Puppets

8. Which current organization was one of the original tenants?
- A. Alcoholics Anonymous World Services
 - B. Church World Service
 - C. Vellore Christian Medical College
 - D. Havens Relief Fund

Answer C. Vellore Christian Medical College

9. In 1988 an "Amnesty Carts" were placed on several floors for what "liberated items"?
- A. Toilet Paper
 - B. Library Books
 - C. Cell Phones
 - D. Chinaware, utensils, and trays

Answer D. Chinaware, utensils, and trays

10. What tomb and who is buried in it can be seen from the Interchurch Center?
- A. Grant's Tomb & George Washington
 - B. Grant's Tomb & General & Mrs. Grant.
 - C. Franklin Roosevelts Tomb & Theodore Roosevelt
 - D. Grant's Tomb & General Grant

Answer B. Grant's Tomb & General & Mrs. Grant

11. In 2002 The Interchurch Center became the first non-profit building to win _____ award?
- A. Best Office Award
 - B. A Tony Award
 - C. The Pinnacle Award
 - D. An Emmy

Answer C. The Pinnacle Award

12. How large was the crowd at the Laying of the Cornerstone?
- A. Over 10,000
 - B. Over 15,000
 - C. Over 25,000
 - D. All of the Above

Answer D All of the Above

13. The funding for the Chapel was in Tribute to?
- A. Ruth & Norman Peale
 - B. Bert & Ernie
 - C. Ruth Peale
 - D. Jane Austen

Answer A. Ruth & Noman Peale

14. In June 1984 an Exhibit of Original Photographs from this iconic landmark were on display in the Lobby?
- A. Yankee Stadium
 - B. Radio City Music Hall
 - C. Apollo Theater
 - D. St. Patricks' Cathedral

Answer C. Apollo Theater

15. Which of the following are nicknames for The Interchurch Center?
- A. The God Box & TIC
 - B. TIC & Vatican on the Hudson
 - C. 475 & The God Box
 - D. All of the Above

Answer D. All of the Above

16. When did the Groundbreaking for The Interchurch Center take place?
- A. October 19, 1858
 - B. November 17, 1957
 - C. December 25, 1958
 - D. February, 30, 1957

Answer B. November 17, 1957

17. What former mayor was the guest speaker at History & Heritage Day in 2013?
- A. Michael R. Bloomberg
 - B. John V. Lindsay
 - C. David N. Dinkins
 - D. Fiorello H. LaGuardia

Answer C. David Dinkins

18. In 1956 in order to be more inclusive the building was renamed The Interchurch Center. What was the original name?
- A. The Interfaith Center
 - B. Churches "R" Us
 - C. The Protestant Center
 - D. The God Box

Answer C. The Protestant Center

19. What 2 items are in the sealed bronze box inside the cornerstone?
- A. Revised Standard Version of the Bible & The Holy Grail
 - B. Revised Standard Version of the Bible & President Eisenhower's Speech
 - C. President Eisenhower's Speech & Dedication Program
 - D. Dedication Program & Box of Crayons

Answer B. Revised Standard Version of the Bible & President Eisenhower's Speech

20. Who was the first tenant to move into the building in October 1959?
- A. National Council of Churches
 - B. The Church of Mickey Mouse
 - C. The United Methodist Church
 - D. National Arts Council of Mars

Answer A. National Council of Churches

21. When the building opened in 1960, people were upset that the Chi Rho in the chapel looked too much like a _____ so it was covered up and eventually replaced. The original Chi Rho was given to St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia University.
- E. A Mermaid
 - F. A Cross
 - G. A Dancing Girl
 - H. A Donut

Answer C. A Dancing Girl

22. The land the building is on used to be?
- A. Sesame Street
 - B. The Barnard tennis Courts
 - C. The Barnard Library
 - D. A Starbucks

Answer B. The Barnard Tennis Courts

23. When the building opened people in the neighborhood complained that it was too?
- A. Tall
 - B. Fancy
 - C. Stalinist

D. Silly

Answer C. Stalinist

24. Other possible locations for what became The Interchurch Center included?

- A. Chicago & Dallas
- B. Paris & London
- C. Mars & Venus
- D. Pittsburgh & Cincinnati

Answer D. Pittsburgh & Cincinnati

25. How many gallons of paint did it take to build the building?

- A. 7,500
- B. 1 million
- C. 10,000
- D. 2

Answer A. 7,500

26. Alternate Choices of names for The Interchurch Center Included?

- A. Churches & Stuff & Churches & Others
- B. National Church Center & Inter-Church Center of the U.S.A
- C. God's Work Force & The God Box
- D. United Church Center & Interfaith Center

Answer B. National Church Center & Inter-Church Center of the U.S.A

27. What government agency was one of the original tenants renting out spaces on the 4th and 19th floors to work on a huge computer project?

- A. The CIA
- B. Office of Science & Technology Policy
- C. NASA
- D. Board of Tea Experts

Answer C. NASA

28. One of the early designs for the building included?

- A. Roller Skating Rink
- B. A Joint Parking Facility with Riverside Church
- C. A Gym
- D. An Outdoor Café

Answer B. A Joint Parking Facility with Riverside Church

29. When the building first opened students at Barnard were worried that the building would cause a disturbance because of?

- A. Late Night Parties

- B. Traffic
- C. Ruined View
- D. Hundreds of People Singing Hymns All Day

Answer D. Hundreds of People Singing Hymns All Day

30. The Dedication of The Interchurch Center was recorded in what publication?
- A. The Congressional Record
 - B. People Magazine
 - C. Sports Illustrated
 - D. The Times

Answer A. The Congressional Record

31. The pedestrian tunnel connecting The Interchurch Center to Riverside was closed in 1975 because of what?
- A. They found Jimmy Hoffa's body
 - B. Security
 - C. Extra Terrestrials
 - D. Flooding

Answer B. Security

32. Where did the marble for the cornerstone come from?
- A. Jupiter
 - B. Jerusalem
 - C. Corinth
 - D. Area 51

Answer C. Corinth

33. The North corridor is designated?
- A. The Hall of the Ministers
 - B. Candy Cane Corridor
 - C. The Hall of the Laymen
 - D. The Wailing Wall

Answer A. The Hall of the Ministers

34. How many combined choirs and hand bell ringer ensembles participated in the Laying of the Cornerstone?
- A. 1000 & 500
 - B. 50 & 50
 - C. 1 Million & 500,000
 - D. 15 & 75

Answer D. 15 & 75

35. The lack of a directory, when the building first opened led to the following rumor?
- A. That the Building was a Front for the CIA
 - B. That the Building was Empty
 - C. That a Ghost Wandered the Halls with a Package Dated October 1959.
 - D. Dr. Frankenstein's Lab

Answer C. That a Ghost Wandered the Halls with a Package Dated October 1959.

36. The ceiling of the Narthex is made up of a thousand tiny _____ embedded in the ceiling.
- A. Cupcakes
 - B. Lucite Tubes
 - C. Butterflies
 - D. Crosses

Answer B. Lucite Tubes

37. One of the first five exhibits to open in the Gallery was?
- A. Charlie Brown & Snoopy
 - B. Church Unity Through Hymnody
 - C. Religious Fashion of the Renaissance
 - D. Church History in America

Answer B. Church Unity Through Hymnody

38. Right before the start of the Laying of the Cornerstone Ceremony President Eisenhower had to take an emergency call regarding?
- A. A UFO sighting
 - B. USSR Missile buildup
 - C. Bunnies Eating all the White House Flowers
 - D. Red Chinese Shelling of Nationalist Islands Quemoy & Matsu

Answer D. Red Chinese Shelling of Nationalist Islands Quemoy & Matsu

39. In 1961 how many postcards of The Interchurch Center were sold?
- A. 10,000
 - B. 50,000
 - C. 1,000
 - D. 1 million

Answer A. 10,000

40. The door of the Narthex is inlaid with which crosses?
- A. The Latin Cross, Celtic Cross, The Russian Cross, & The St. Andrew Cross
 - B. The Crusader Cross, The Tau Cross, & The Maltese Cross
 - C. The Anchor Cross & the Greek Cross, The Cross Crosslet

D. All of the Above

Answer D. All of the Above

41. What famous singer once performed in the Chapel?

- A. Cissy Houston
- B. Madonna
- C. Mahalia Jackson
- D. Mariah Carey

Answer C. Mahalia Jackson

42. A photo of The Interchurch Center can be found in the following publication:

- A. Architectural Digest
- B. 1964 World's Fair Brochure
- C. New York Yankees Yearbook
- D. New York Realty

Answer B. 1964 World's Fair Brochure

43. On September 6, 1979 this spiritual leader visited the Center for a reception and luncheon as a guest of the National Council of Churches.

- A. The Dali Lama
- B. Yoda
- C. Pope John Paul II
- D. Cookie Monster

Answer A. The Dali Lama

44. The menu to celebrate the moon landing included?

- A. A Cup of Splashdown Green Pea Soup & Roast Beef a la Armstrong
- B. Moon Peas & Solar Succotash
- C. Orbit of Cauliflower, Apollo XI Mashed Potato.
- D. All of the Above

Answer D. All of the Above

45. In 1973 The Board of Trustees created _____ a national program to facilitate planning for strong spiritual and religious emphasis in observance of the American Bicentennial.

- A. Yankee Doodle Dandy
- B. Project Forward '76
- C. 76 Trombones
- D. Religion in America 1776-1976

Answer B. Project Forward

46. In 1972 The Interchurch Center received the following work sculpture as a permanent work of art and is based on the Confucius quotation "Within the four seas all men are brothers."
- A. Axiom One
 - B. The Mona Lisa
 - C. God & Man
 - D. The Last Super

Answer A. Axiom One

47. What was created to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of The Interchurch Center?
- A. Rolex Watches
 - B. T-shirts
 - C. Bath Mats
 - D. Drinking Glass

Answer D. Drinking Glass

48. The first Ash Wednesday Service was held in
- A. 1957
 - B. 1979
 - C. 1965
 - D. 1902

Answer B. 1979

49. What shop was located in the Orthodox Room?
- A. Macy's
 - B. The Salvation Army Thrift Store
 - C. Sales Exchange for the Refugee Rehabilitation Vocations
 - D. The Apple Store

Answer C. Sales Exchange for the Refugee Rehabilitation Vocations

50. In 1979 King Kong & a Robot were part of what Exhibit?
- A. Pop Culture in America
 - B. Childart
 - C. Comic Book Art
 - D. Children's Illustrators

Answer B. Childart

51. When was the first ATM installed in the Building?
- A. 1980
 - B. 2000
 - C. 1985
 - D. 1961

Answer A. 1980

52. On the evening of October 3, 1979, two glass doors at the Riverside Drive entrance were broken by someone who said, "I want to see _____ I know he is in this building!" Who were they referring to?
- A. God
 - B. Superman
 - C. Jesus Christ
 - D. Kermit The Frog

Answer C. Jesus Christ

53. The Orthodox Room used to house what?
- A. Manuscript about 700 years old
 - B. Icons from the 14th century
 - C. A 1537 Slavonic worship book
 - D. All of the Above

Answer D. All of the Above

54. The Gospel Choir was formed in December of 1983 by the chapel committee. What was its original name?
- A. The 475 Songsters
 - B. The Interchurch Church Center Contemporary Gospel Choir
 - C. The TIC Troubadours
 - D. Gospel Choir of The Interchurch Center

Answer B. The Interchurch Church Center Contemporary Gospel Choir

55. The Interchurch Center once held what property in the hopes of expanding?
- A. 49 Claremont & 1161 Amsterdam Ave.
 - B. 110th and 105th Streets Fifth Ave
 - C. 49 Claremont Avenue and 468 Riverside Drive
 - D. 2960 Broadway And 468 Riverside Drive

Answer C. 49 Claremont Avenue and 468 Riverside Drive

56. In 1991, the Board of Trustees "*RESOLVED*", that what item could be served for free in common areas after the close of business?
- A. Pigs in a Blanket
 - B. Beer
 - C. Ice Cream Sodas
 - D. Wine

Answer D. Wine

57. What year was building wide internet installed?
- A. 1997
 - B. 2000
 - C. 1989

D. 1995

Answer A. 1997

58. What led to the wearing of cowboy hats in the building during the mid90's?

- A. Rodeo
- B. Popularity of Line Dancing
- C. Building Wide Barbecue
- D. National Hat Day

Answer C. Building Wide Barbecue

59. The Interchurch Center Medical Office was originally the Associated Mission Medical Office, run by what organization?

- A. The Red Cross
- B. The National Council of Churches
- C. REMSCO
- D. Grey Sloane Memorial Hospital

Answer B. The National Council of Churches

60. The Claremont Avenue entrance was turned into a NYPD station for an October 8, 2010 episode of what TV show?

- A. Blue Bloods
- B. Chicago PD
- C. Law & Order
- D. Friends

Answer A. Blue Bloods

61. According to Wikipedia the intersection of 116th Street and Claremont Avenue has been formally declared the _____ in New York City?

- A. Dirtiest
- B. Coldest
- C. Wildest
- D. Windiest

Answer D. Windiest

62. What 1970 cafeteria exhibit attracted a large number of people?

- A. Salsa Dancing & Demonstration
- B. Demonstration by the 26th Precinct on Narcotics Equipment & Drug Abuse
- C. How to Build Noah's Ark
- D. Cooking Demonstration & Tasting

Answer B. Demonstration by the 26th Precinct on Narcotics Equipment & Drug Abuse

63. What Bird has a Nest on the Roof of the Building?

- A. Hawks
- B. Tweety Bird
- C. Falcons
- D. Big Bird

Answer C. Falcons

64. When did The Interchurch Center get its own Zip Code?

- A. From the Beginning
- B. 2000
- C. 1952
- D. 1980

Answer D. 1980

65. What year did the Building become completely smoke Free?

- A. 2000
- B. 1985
- C. 2002
- D. 1998

Answer A. 2000

66. In 1978 what was found in the Chapel?

- A. A lost child
- B. Yogi Bear
- C. Queen Elizabeth's Tiara
- D. 3 Sticks of Dynamite with No Triggering Device.

Answer D. 3 Sticks of Dynamite with No Triggering Device

67. What year did Ruth Stafford Peale become heard of the Board?

- A. 1978
- B. 1985
- C. 2012
- D. 1982

Answer D. 1982

68. What was the subject of the 1988 Gallery Display *The Crayon Brigade*?

- A. Cards, Letters and Posters Written by Elmo & Grover
- B. Cards, Letters and Posters Written by American children to the Soviet Union

- C. Cards, Letters and Posters Written by Children to Celebrate the 100 Anniversary of Crayola Crayons
- D. Cards, Letters and Posters Written by the Children of Tenants

Answer B. Cards, Letters and Posters Written by American children to the Soviet Union.

69. Adopted in 1998 what does the logo of The Interchurch Center depict?
- A. The Unity Cross
 - B. The Agents of Shield Logo
 - C. Leaves on a Curving Branch of the Tree of Life.
 - D. Golden Arches

Answer C. Leaves on a Curving Branch of the Tree of Life.

70. What 1986 event did over a 1,000 members of The Interchurch Center, their families and friends celebrate at which the cafeteria sold hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries and soda?
- A. Centennial of the Statue of Liberty
 - B. The Mets Winning the World Series
 - C. The Pope's Visit to the United States
 - D. New York Giants Winning the Super Bowl

Answer A. Centennial of the Statue of Liberty