

BEYOND THE TABLE



Since our founding in 2016, the table has been at the center of our work. It's here that we've built and strengthened our community, engaged in challenging and transformative conversations, deepened our theological convictions and practices, expanded our research, clarified our definitions, and witnessed many personal transformations and revelations. We honor the stories and the history of our time at the table. We are here today because of our time wrestling and working at the table.

However, as we consider the current landscape and the evolving conflicts of our society, we believe it's time to move beyond the table.

For the past couple of years, The Center has initiated this shift by focusing on immersive experiences and educational cohorts. We've come to realize that while the table is a crucial starting point—a place for strategy, planning, and growth—it is not a place where we can stay forever. Over time, the table can become a comfortable, insulated place where the work reduces to individual conversation and transformation. To genuinely practice restorative justice, our work must expand to community mobilization and the disruption of unjust systems, powers, and principalities.

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We are at a pivotal moment in our organizational journey, where we need your support as we rise from the table and bring what we've learned into the public square and places of power. We are actively working to create more immersive experiences and build a community that is engaged in restorative justice in our neighborhoods, schools, churches, and local government. We invite you to join us in imagining the healing and liberation that occur when we move beyond what is comfortable and into collective action.

*Now is the time for movement,
for risk, for courage...for a just future.
Now is the time to stand up, push in the chair, and get to work.
Will you join us?*

