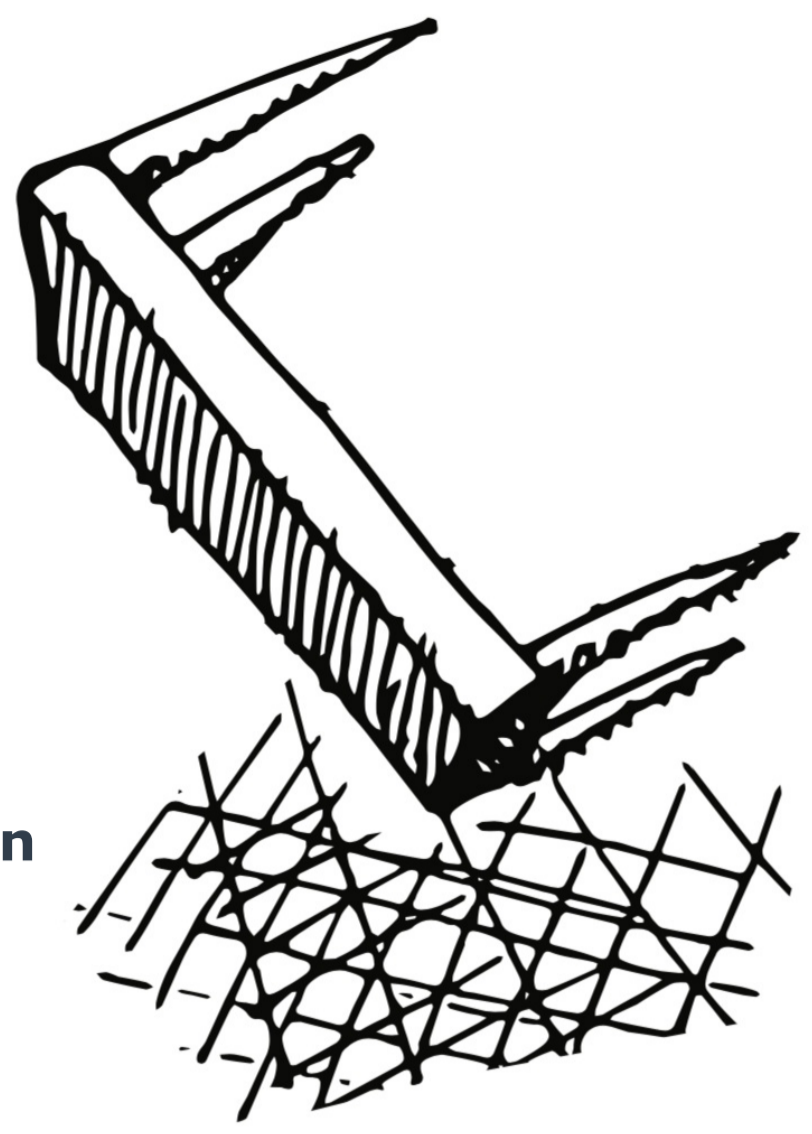


How to organize a

TABLE TURNING

action



A **social justice** movement grounded in the **radical tradition** of Jesus, who turned tables to **interrupt the oppression** of people disregarded by society.

01

Gather a team

Get at least 1 person (ideally more) in your church/org to help you plan, promote, and pull off the Table Turning action. Read the scripture story, review TableTurning.org, and begin visioning together.



Choose an issue and partner org

02

Your team picks one issue (don't get stuck on what is the most important issue!) that your constituents already care about. Start by contacting orgs already working on your focus issue to ask if they are doing anything March 20-25 that you can support. If that does not yield results, plan your own action. First, identify a site that represents the injustice issue that you want to highlight. Envision holding a rally, liturgy, street theater, action, teach-in, etc there.



03

Mobilize your congregation

Repeatedly announce the event to your congregation. Personally invite people most likely to attend. Collect rsvp's. Hold a special scripture study to read the Table Turning and Triumphal Entry story, alongside scholarly explanations of the disruptive political aspects of these actions.



Invite other churches and the press

04

Add your event to the TableTurning.org website. Make a facebook event for your action. If you do not want the full details/location known to everyone, just include contact info for someone on your team. Send a press release with time, place, purpose to local media outlets. The press is interested in unusual stories, and sadly stories of churches fighting structural injustice is still an unusual story. Have someone in your group ready to talk to media.



05

Turn Tables, Tell about it

Hold your Table Turning action! Consider literally turning over a table (you can bring your own). Sing, perform, speak out, close accounts, hand out fliers, defy injustice with love to disrupt the comfort of the Empire. Be sure to take photos and post them on your facebook page and the Table Turning facebook page. Help your congregation debrief at the end about what they learned, felt, and want to change for next time.

