



LONGER TABLES

Cultivating humanity through connection + belonging.



EXPERIENCES + EVENTS



CONSULTING + TRAINING



PARTNERSHIPS

CONNECTION + BELONGING

Humans flourish when they are connected and feel a sense of belonging. Through table events, training and coaching, and strategic partnerships, we are helping cultivate cultures of connection throughout communities and in companies and organizations.



HOW WE CONNECT

EXPERIENCES + EVENTS

- Long table and shared meal events
- Major community events - *The Mile-Long Table*
- *Table Together* - One night, many tables in many homes

CONSULTING + TRAINING

- Connection + belonging inside companies/orgs
- Workshops, keynotes, and training to address fear, identity, hope, and barriers to belonging
- Individual and group coaching

PARTNERSHIPS

- Integrate Longer Tables model and ethos
- Content, events, and training
- Mutually-benefiting sponsorships with large events + campaigns





WE SET TABLES

Longer Tables is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization headquartered in the Mile-High City of Denver in Colorado.

Believing in the power of the long table to connect people, celebrate diversity and be an equitable place of solidarity, we bring people from all walks of life together to share a meal at one, long table.

Since 2013, over 3,000 guests have connected at over 50+ tables in communities and companies.

From cross-cultural 'community tables' of 100 people to city-wide events such as our upcoming *528 Table* and 2025 *Mile-Long Table (details to come!)* to helping companies create cultures of connection and belonging, Longer Tables believes the common table and shared meal holds the explosive potential to **rehumanize people, battle loneliness, and create bridges to collaboration.**

THE WHY

We are not seeing each other. Technology, isolation, over-committment, hustle and fear is pulling us apart. We are living in one of the most polarized moments in U.S. history as well as an epidemic of isolation and loneliness as announced by the Surgeon General, leading to soaring mental health challenges and a national health crisis.

No longer able to rely on the usual place of social connection, we desperately need a new place, and means, to rehumanize and reconnect.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to inspire, equip and cultivate cultures of connection and belonging in communities and organizations through experiences, consulting, training and partnerships.

MEDIA LINKS



PHOTOS

VIDEOS

TIM JONES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A fourth-generation native of Colorado, Tim first encountered a love for the table and story at his Grandma's Arvada farm.

Following film school at the prestigious University of Southern California, Tim became a pastor as well as co-founded Truce Media Collective, a Film and TV Co-op in Denver.

Along with leading Longer Tables, Tim is Lead Consultant at Vertikle Solutions, helping companies create cultures of connection and belonging.

When he's not setting tables, Tim is directing a film, playing his Great-Grandparents piano or drinking wine in Santa Barbara.



INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- What was a memorable meal for you?
- Are there statistics on loneliness and polarization in our city? In our nation?
- What is so powerful about eating together?
- How can the table solve some of our deepest issues?
- How does the table defy transactional relationships?
- How is the table an ultimate place of equality and inclusivity?
- When you bring people together over a meal from different socioeconomics, stories and ethnicities - what's the big win?
- What's so special about a single, long table?
- How is your work related to sustainability efforts?
- Is the table useful inside companies or other organizations?
- The Surgeon General has declared an epidemic of isolation and loneliness - how is this a health issue?
- You describe this work as slow-cooked food, please explain.
- How does eating together begin to fix the deep polarization and mistrust in our society?
- What deeper things are addressed when people eat?
- What inspired you to start a non-profit around setting tables?
- Why do you think tables can change the world?
- What do you have against round tables? (This is a funny question with a serious response.)

EXTERNAL RESOURCES & LINKS

- [U.S. Surgeon General report on isolation and loneliness](#)
- [Longer Tables Website](#)

2024 Events

- **The 528 Table**
 - July 26, 2024, 6pm
 - Civic Center Park
 - A 528-foot table seating 528 people with general public invited to picnic in the park, featuring five local restaurants providing the food.
 - This is the launch of setting **The Mile-Long Table**, Summer 2025.
 - Certain number of tickets available to public on first come, first serve basis.
- **Four 'Community Tables'**
 - Cross-cultural/sector tables in different parts of the city seating 80-130 people.
- **Table Together**
 - One night, many homes, tables across the city. Participants host a meal at work or in their home (or driveway/street) and invite at least two neighbors/co-workers.
 - August 2024 and April 2025.
 - Participants stream video and/or post photos which are broadcast live.