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Abstract:

This article traces the developing prominence of the theme of social justice in both the professional world of psychology and the evangelical church community. This convergence creates the opportunity for the development of a movement to address the cause of social justice in the Majority World. Five points of convergence are explored: (a) Social action and evangelism are irreconcilable; (b) the social justice agenda is an appropriate focus for the future of psychology in the Majority World; (c) the transcending nature of Christianity promotes social justice in a multi-ethnic context; (d) the social justice character of Pentecostalism's growth in the Global South; and (5) the ubiquitous nature of the local church in the Global South. An evangelical mental health professional is well-positioned to contribute to a movement that could "turn the world upside down."

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