

Ismael:

"Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We're excited to share this recap of our recent quadrennial orientation—our first in-person orientation with committee chairs, committee members, and staff since 2020. It was an inspiring time for worship, reflection, and dialogue."

John:

"Our theme for this season? Disciple Making, Leader Forming, and Peace Building. These three pillars guide our mission to create healthy congregations and effective leaders, making disciples for the transformation of the world."

Ismael:

"We believe in transparency and the power of connectionalism. In our work, we strive to emphasize and focus on the local church."

John:

"At this gathering, we shared the policies that guide our work, but we did much more than that. It was a time for worship, fellowship, and renewal. We shared in the Word with a message from Bishop Shelton, gathered at the table, and renewed our baptismal vows, all while reflecting on how to bring people closer to God's table."

Ismael:

"And through real-life case studies, we saw how the North Carolina Conference is providing tangible support to local churches—showing how our apportionments are making a difference in ministry."

John:

"There was real energy in the room—seeing so many of you ready and excited to join in what God is doing. This is an important time for our life together as a conference."

Ismael:

"As we move forward, it's important to remember your responsibilities and expectations as committee members. We've made a full information packet available, and you'll find it all in the Google Shared Drive, including:

1. Our structure overview
2. Expectations for how committees function and how often they meet

3. And important upcoming dates."

John:

"Also, after each Connectional Table meeting, we'll share a video update to inform you about what's happening in our meetings and with our committees.

We're here to support you in every step of the journey as we work together to make disciples, form leaders, and build peace."

Ismael:

"Thank you for being the North Carolina Conference. You are part of this important work that resources the local church."

John:

"We're excited to see what God will do through all of us."