



Reflection on the Launch of Four New Peer Learning & Wellness Groups

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There's a profound difference between nurturing hope and witnessing its fulfillment. While dreams of success inspire us to collaborate through countless hours of hard work and dedication, watching those dreams crystallize into reality holds a divine power that both humbles and inspires. This autumn has brought such moments of "Rhythms of Grace". September marked a historic milestone as NBA launched four Peer Group cohorts simultaneously—a first in our organization's history. This flourishing includes the third cohort of the Prison and Jails Ministries Peer Group, the fourth cohort of the Executive Leaders Peer Group, the second cohort of the Chaplains Peer Group, and, as part of our NBA API Initiative, the groundbreaking first-ever [API \(Asian Pacific Islander\) Young Adults Peer Group](#).

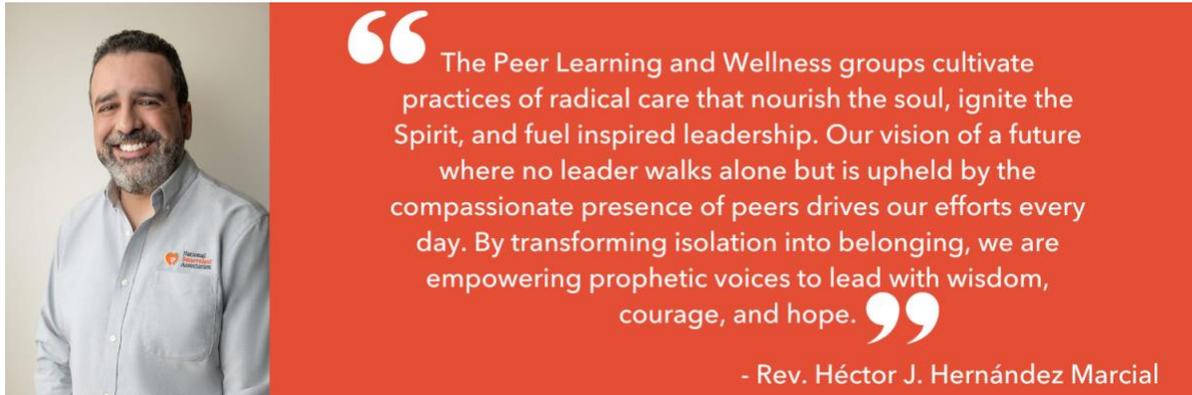
This season's harvest culminated in an extraordinary October gathering, where nearly forty participants journeyed from across the United States and Canada to convene at Banning Mills in Whitesburg, Georgia. Those three transformative days of in-person connection transcended mere milestone status—they stood as a testament to the life-giving power of teamwork, collaboration, and unwavering persistence.



This moment represents the fruition of nearly a decade's vision of deeper connection and growth within our ministerial community. Through steadfast collaboration between NBA staff and our Disciples of Christ ministry partners, what began as a whispered hope has blossomed into an extraordinary reality. Working alongside a remarkable team of NBA conveners, Rev. Tiffany Curtis, our Peer Group Specialist, and this servant, we've witnessed how vision and labor can merge to create something greater than we dared imagine.

Like streams converging into a mighty river, our horizontal collaborative approach has created channels of grace that now nourish our participants' spiritual and professional growth. This

harvest is not merely the fruit of recent labor but rather the culmination of countless prayers, conversations, and faithful steps taken over a decade of dedicated service. Standing at this threshold, we witness how God's timing interweaves with human dedication to create something far more beautiful than anyone could have orchestrated alone—for when seeds of transformation are planted in faith and nurtured through time, their flowering becomes a testament to divine patience and human perseverance.



As these sacred circles of connection unfold their transformative work over the next two years, we invite you to join in this divine dance of growth and renewal. Whether through exploring our ministry's deeper story on our website, supporting this flourishing through your [generous gifts](#) or answering the call to join our next cycle of peer groups, your presence in this unfolding story matters. Like tributaries joining a mighty river, each form of participation—prayer, financial support, or direct engagement—strengthens the Rhythms of Grace that sustain this vital ministry.