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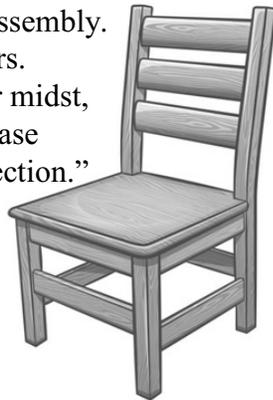
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He then told them, “This chair represents the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the invisible Head of this assembly. I am not the head; I am just one of the members. May we all remember that He is present in our midst, and everything we do and say should be to please and glorify Him, as we seek His mind and direction.”

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