

MEETING 008

**NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY
OF THE
Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

PACKET

**7-8 February 2025
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Burlington, North Carolina**

**Working Docket New River Presbytery EPC
008 Stated Meeting – February 7-8, 2025
Westminster Church, Burlington, NC**

Friday, Feb 7

9:00am Registration and Committee/Group Meetings

11:00am RE training and nurture – Andy Koesters

* * * Pastors' Wives Sharing Time 11:00am-1:00pm * * *

12:00pm Lunch and Learn (Church Planting - CDC)

1:00pm Call to Order
Host Church Welcome – Powell Sykes

1:05pm Opening Worship/Prayer – TE James Banks, PCMA

2:00pm Preliminary Matters

- Declaration of a quorum & adoption of the docket
- Approval of the minutes and errata –
- Communications and referrals
- Welcome and introduction of first-time commissioners and corresponding members.

2:05pm Moderator's Report – Glen Holman

2:15pm Report of Missional Director – Andy Koesters

2:25pm Report of the Stated Clerk – Rufus Burton

2:40pm Report of World Outreach Committee Part 1—Robert Barnett

2:55pm Break

3:05pm Church Development Committee – Chuck Estes

3:30pm Report of World Outreach Part 2 – Robert Barnett

- 3:45pm Report of Stewardship – Brett Eubank
- 3:55pm Mini-Break
- 4:00pm (Order of the Day) Equipping & Encouragement –**
Kirk Blankenship – Recovery Ministry (Substance Abuse)
- 5:30pm Recess for Dinner
- 7:00pm Worship and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
Preacher – Glen Holman
Communion – Powell Sykes
(Offering - Mission Trip to 10-40 Window)

Saturday, Feb 8

- 8:30am Call to Order
Morning Worship – Preaching – Dale Hagwood
- 9:00am Report of Ministerial Committee – Powell Sykes
Examination of Luke Dozier of Reynolda Church as
Candidate
Examination of Dale Hagwood as Asst. Pastor of EPC
Elkton
Examination of Laura Spangler, Associate Member
- 10:30am Break
- 10:40am Focus – Westminster Standards: Powell Sykes
- 11:40am Other matters of importance
- 11:55am Expression of appreciation to host church
- 12:00pm Adjournment

**Next NRP Meeting – May 2-3, 2025 First Presbyterian Church,
Martinsburg, West Virginia**

Prayer

James Banks, Hope Church

Previous Meeting Minutes:

007 Stated Meeting New River Presbytery

The Moderator's Report:

Glen Holman, Moderator

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Clerk's Report

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Important Due Dates

First Lord's Day after the first Monday in January:

Ministerial Reports are Due (12 January 2025)

“Annual Report on Teaching Elders” <https://epc.org/downloads/>

First Lord's Day in February

Previous Year Session Minutes are Due (2 February 2025)

Communications Rising from the 007 Meeting

- 1) On 13 October 2024 the congregation of the Mebane Church sustained the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Jeff Smith and the Mebane Presbyterian Church (007-20.E)
- 2) Received the Minutes of the Commission to Install TE John Cushwa as Assistant Pastor of First Church Martinsburg, 10/20/2024 (007-20.C2)
- 3) The Ministerial Committee named a Prosecutor in the Discipline Case. (007-11A.4b).
- 4) The Leadership Team appointed a Commission to process the Discipline Case (007-11A.4a).
- 5) The Leadership Team processed the errata arising from the PRC's examination of the NRP Minutes (page numbers are now sequential from 1 July 2023 [007-11C]).
- 6) NRP Leadership Team visited the NLT on 14 January 2025 (007-11B).

Church Development Committee

Chuck Estes, Chair

Notes:



**World Outreach Committee of New River Presbytery
Report for February 7-8 2025 Meeting
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC**

We serve the mission of New River Presbytery and its member congregations to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus, with a focus on the EPC Gospel Priority of Global Movement.

Report to Presbytery (Part 1)

1. Mobilize prayer for global outreach: Beginning in January 2025, the New River Presbytery World Outreach Committee (NRP WOC) began a prayer time focused on Central and South Asia. Our purpose is to ask the Lord to bring revival and raise up workers for the harvest in that region. We meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 10:00 am via Zoom. To join, contact RE Rick Peacock.
2. Engage 2025: The NRP WOC is committed to a frontier church planting effort, as part of the EPC World Outreach Engage 2025 vision. We support the work among two least-reached people groups: a) the Uzbeks in Central Asia and b) the Punjabi in Pakistan (jointly with the other two presbyteries of the former Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic).
 - a. Through a US-based Home Team, led by RE Rick Peacock, we support current global workers currently serving in Uzbekistan by meeting monthly online with them for prayer and encouragement.
 - b. TE Brown Caldwell participates in a similar Home Team, led by the Presbytery of Coastal Mid-Atlantic, supporting global workers serving in Pakistan. Brown and his wife Gisselle traveled to London UK in September 2024 for face-to-face meetings with them.
 - c. We seek to develop relationships with indigenous Christian leaders in Uzbekistan and raise up additional global workers. To this end, we will send TE Bob Barnett, RE Rick Peacock, and Rick's wife Pat as delegates to the Central Asia Consultation (CAC) in Antalya, Turkey.
 - Rev. Donald Marsden of Frontier Fellowship, the sponsoring organization, will provide a brief presentation on the Uzbekistan vision trip and CAC.
 - The offering collected during the Presbytery worship service will be designated to offset expenses for this trip.

Report to Presbytery (Part 2)

1. Developing missional churches: Part of the NRP WOC's mission is to encourage the development of missional churches that are mobilized and engaged in local, national, and world evangelism.
 - a. Our goal is to see every congregation engaged in missions and identify and support "missions champions" in every church of the Presbytery.
 - b. Part of this effort includes offering training and sharing the experiences and "best practices" of member congregations.
 - **Kairos is a nine-session discipleship course that helps transform worldviews so that every believer and every church understands God's missionary purpose. The next cohort is for April 15 – June 12, 2025, Tuesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm, via Zoom. For more information, see the attached information sheet and/or contact TE Bob Barnett.**
 - A New River Presbytery Missions Directory that can be used to encourage and assist one another in missions, share "best practices" information on missions-related activities, such as short-term mission trips, and most importantly, pray. To accomplish this, we are using a Church Mission Information Form. See <https://nrpofepc.org/resources/world-outreach/> to download and complete the form.
 - **Lynn Limon will describe the various ways that our host church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, has successfully mobilized and engaged in evangelism and missions as a small church.**
2. Informing the Presbytery and churches: NRP WO informs and advises the Presbytery and member congregations about mission opportunities and ministries and encourages active support and participation. Part of this effort includes the following.
 - TE Sonny Flowers will provide a brief presentation on the efforts by River Oaks Church and others providing disaster relief to those impacted by Hurricane Helene.
3. EPC World Outreach: The NRP WO serves as a liaison with EPC WO regarding a) participation in Engage 2025, b) connecting with mission leaders within the EPC, missions agencies, and across denominations, and c) promoting EPC WO ministries. See the resources and information at the NRP WOC display table.

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Treasurer's Report

Brett Eubank, Treasurer

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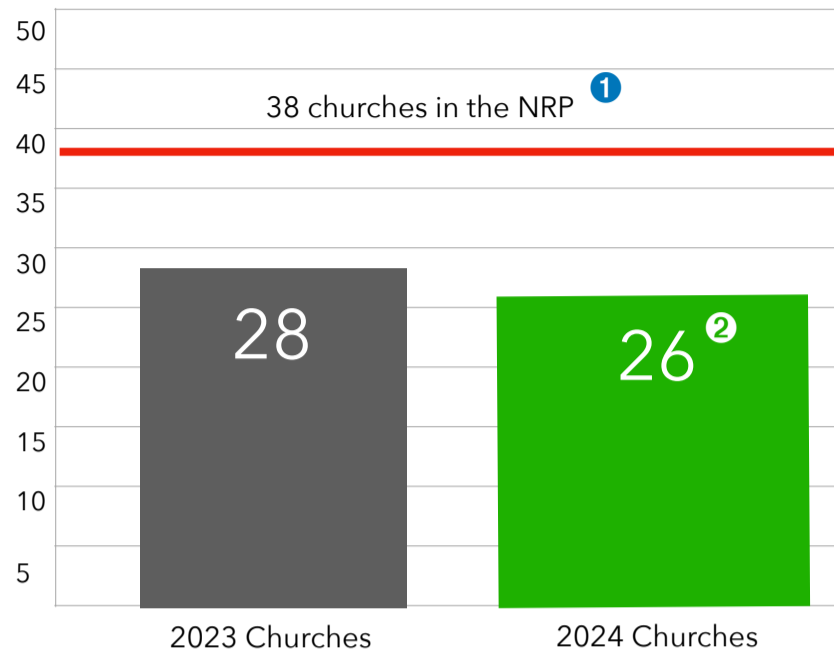
Ministerial Committee

Powell Sykes, Chair

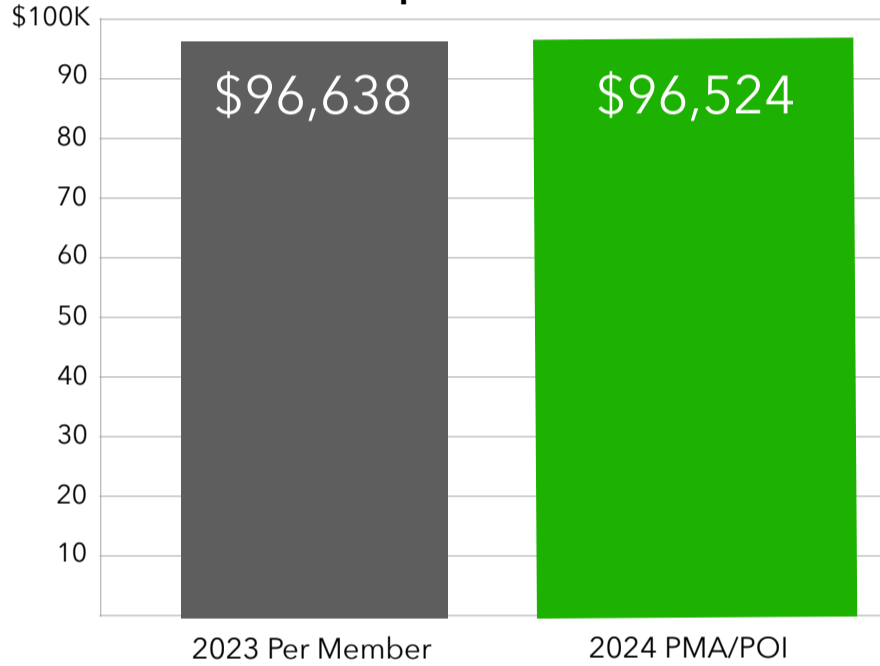
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NRP POI Asking Report (through 12/31/24)

Number of Giving Churches from 2023 vs. 2024 thru 12/31



PMA/POI Comparison from 2023 vs. 2024



PMA/POI FINANCIAL NOTES

- ① Mission Groups/Churches (Christ Reigns & Forge) aren't asked to give towards PMA/POI, so the number of potential giving churches is 38.
- ② We had three churches that gave last year that did not give during 2024. Of those, one is in between pastors.

Church	2023 PMA/POI GIVEN IN 2024	2024 PMA/POI YTD	TOTAL IN 2024
Asbury	\$0.00	\$544.00	\$544.00
Bethel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bouldin Memorial	\$299.00	\$282.64	\$581.64
Buffalo	\$0.00	\$3,820.00	\$3,820.00
Christ Reigns (Mission Group)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cleveland	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elon	\$0.00	\$1,494.00	\$1,494.00
Elkton	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Falling Spring	\$0.00	\$1,198.00	\$1,198.00
First Roanoke	\$0.00	\$6,522.00	\$6,522.00
First Eden	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Martinsburg	\$0.00	\$1,818.00	\$1,818.00
Galatia	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Greenwood	\$0.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00
Hope	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
Hurley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lebanon	\$0.00	\$1,825.00	\$1,825.00
Mary's	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mebane	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00	\$4,800.00
Memorial/Forge (Mission Church)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Life	\$0.00	\$781.25	\$781.25
Northminster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Norton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Piedmont	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Princeton	\$0.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00
Providence	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restoration	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Reynolda	\$0.00	\$13,020.96	\$13,020.96
River Oaks	\$0.00	\$23,220.00	\$23,220.00
Rivermont	\$0.00	\$18,737.61	\$18,737.61
Roseann	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Slate Mountain	\$0.00	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00
Stuart	\$0.00	\$2,625.00	\$2,625.00
Thompson Valley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Walker's	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Warm Springs	\$871.19	\$1,585.42	\$2,456.61
Westminster Bluefield	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Westminster Burlington	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Woodside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wyliesburg	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
	\$2,370.19	\$96,523.88	\$98,894.07

NRP Balance Sheet (through 12/31/24)

Account	12/31/24	12/31/23
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Pinnacle Bank - Checking	\$22,397.03	\$17,729.29
Pinnacle Bank - Money Market	\$41,117.32	\$41,083.58
Pinnacle Bank - CD	\$104,166.18	\$100,448.70
Total Current Assets	\$167,680.53	\$159,261.57
LIABILITIES		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
EQUITY		
Unrestricted Net Assets		
General Fund	\$61,317.85	\$60,339.43
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$61,317.85	\$60,339.43
Restricted Net Asset		
Grace & Mercy Fund	\$2,281.23	\$2,281.23
Church Development Committee Fund	\$81,018.36	\$76,018.36
Chaplain Fund	\$575.39	\$575.39
Missions Fund	\$5,513.67	\$2,513.67
Missionary Emergency Fund	\$4,576.62	\$4,576.62
Women's Fund	\$4,352.56	\$4,352.56
Church Health Fund	\$8,044.85	\$8,604.31
Total Restricted Net Assets	\$106,362.68	\$98,922.14
Total Equity	\$167,680.53	\$159,261.57
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$167,680.53	\$159,261.57

NRP Income Statement (through 12/31/24)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOTES:

Account	2024 YTD ACTUAL	2024 YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE
INCOME			
① Per Member Asking/POI	\$96,523.88	\$100,000.00	-\$3,476.12
Per Member Asking-Prior Year	\$2,370.19	\$0.00	\$2,370.19
Presbytery Offering	\$2,874.09	\$2,500.00	\$374.09
Individual Giving	\$945.00	\$1,000.00	-\$55.00
Church Giving	\$2,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,750.00
GA Church Health Initiative	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$3,607.87	\$1,500.00	\$2,107.87
TOTAL INCOME	\$121,071.03	\$118,000.00	\$3,071.03
Compensation			
Missional Director Stipend	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$0.00
Clerk Stipend	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
IT Stipend	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Treasurer Stipend	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Total Compensation	\$69,000.00	\$69,000.00	\$0.00
Personnel			
Travel-Missional Director	\$5,453.55	\$5,000.00	\$453.55
Travel-States Clerk	\$6,138.43	\$5,000.00	\$1,138.43
Office Expense	\$247.77	\$500.00	-\$252.23
Total Personnel	\$11,839.75	\$10,500.00	\$1,339.75
Professional Fees			
IT Expenses	\$852.57	\$1,000.00	-\$147.43
Treasurer Expenses	\$1,678.79	\$1,000.00	\$678.79
Liability Insurance (D/O)	\$2,869.68	\$3,000.00	-\$130.32
Licenses/Fees	\$884.66	\$1,500.00	-\$615.34
Bank Fees	\$6.11	\$0.00	\$6.11
Total Professional Fees	\$6,291.81	\$6,500.00	-\$208.19
Committees/Commissions			
Commissions	\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Executive Council	\$2,944.55	\$1,000.00	\$1,944.55
Ministerial Committee	\$1,644.28	\$1,500.00	\$144.28
Stewardship Committee	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
World Missions	\$6,084.70	\$4,000.00	\$2,084.70
Presbytery	\$692.02	\$3,000.00	-\$2,307.98
Total Committees/Commissions	\$11,365.55	\$10,100.00	\$1,265.55
Benevolence			
Minister's Assistance	\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Presbytery Offering	\$2,874.09	\$2,000.00	\$874.09
Commissioner Assistance	\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Benevolence - Other	\$750.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
Total Benevolence	\$3,624.09	\$3,500.00	\$124.09
Church Development Committee			
New Church Plant Support	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	-\$15,000.00
② Church Plant Coordinator	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Church Planter Assessment/Coaching	\$3,450.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,950.00
CDC Travel	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Church Planting Team Travel	\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Church Health Team Travel	\$722.38	\$2,000.00	-\$1,277.62
Transitional Pastor Coaching	\$730.80	\$2,500.00	-\$1,769.20
Transitional Pastor Training	\$2,828.66	\$0.00	\$2,828.66
Church Revitalization	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	-\$5,500.00
Presbytery Equipping	\$1,549.03	\$3,000.00	-\$1,450.97
Total Church Develop. Comm.	\$10,530.87	\$32,000.00	-\$21,469.13
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$112,652.07	\$131,600.00	-\$18,947.93

① 2024 YTD Per Member Asking/POI was virtually the same from 2023. During 2024, many churches began increasing or decreasing their giving to come in line with the new giving formula of Percentage of Income.

② CDC is contributing \$5,000 per year to the Northampton Church Planting Network for church planting coordination/support. This began in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Account	2024 YTD ACTUAL	2024 YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$8,418.96	-\$13,600.00	\$22,018.96

Notes for the report to the session: