

Provisional Minutes

Twelfth Stated Meeting of the New River Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church May 1-2, 2026 First Evangelical Presbyterian Church 2101 Jefferson Street Roanoke, Virginia 24014

Friday, May 1, 2026

Learning Focus: NRP Identity

As the New River Presbytery continues its fourth program year, it seemed wise to the Holy Spirit and to us to continue spending time intentionally building and developing our identity as a Presbytery, in Christ. To this end we are seeking to focus on what it means for healthy Ruling Elders to be Evangelical, Missional, Reformed, and Presbyterian in a Presbytery that strives to encourage, enable, and equip disciple making churches to plant disciple making churches.

012-01 Call to Order and Prayer

Moderator Ruling Elder (RE) Marion Blackwell called the twelfth Stated Meeting of the New River Presbytery to order at 1:00 p.m. and opened in prayer.

012-02 Welcome from Host Church

Teaching Elder (TE) Jeff Schrage, Pastor of First Evangelical Presbyterian Church welcomed the New River Presbytery. He briefly introduced the work and ministry of the First EPC, and led the NRP in prayer for the meeting.

012-03 Opening Worship and a Symphony of Prayer

TE Tom Clymer, Chaplain to the Presbytery lead the Presbytery in its opening symphony of prayer. Dr. Clymer reminded the Presbytery of a key feature of prayer, namely that prayer begins with a broken heart before God. Dr. Clymer then lead the NRP in a season of prayer focused on the goals of faithfulness to the Lord and faithfulness to the truth of the Gospel.

012-04 Declaration of Quorum

Stated Clerk TE Rufus Burton declared a quorum as evidenced by the following record of attendance.

ACTIVE TEACHING ELDER ROLL (BoG 19-2A1)

STATUS

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Asbury Evangelical Presbyterian Church, West Field, North Carolina
Vacant

Unexcused

		Unexcused
Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Claudville, Virginia		
TE Kevin Easter	Unexcused	Unexcused
		Unexcused
Berry Hill Presbyterian Church, South Boston, Virginia		
TE Bill Catoe (Stated Supply)	Present	Excused
Bouldin Memorial Presbyterian Church, Stuart, Virginia		
CP Richard Burnette	Present	Excused
Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina		
TE Brian Marsh	Excused	Excused
Christ Reigns Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Virginia (Mission Group)		
CP Alan Morrison	Excused	Unexcused
Cleveland Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, Virginia		
TE Rick Laney	Unexcused	Unexcused
		Unexcused
Downtown Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia (Mission Group)		
TE Rich Brown	Present	
Elon Presbyterian Church, Madison Heights, Virginia		
TE Shawn Morrison	Present	RE John Oblinger
		RE William Tyler
Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Elkton, Elkton, Virginia		
TE Adam Snow	Present	Excused
TE Dale Hagwood	Present	
Falling Springs Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, Virginia		
TE Mike Matlack	Present	RE Michael Henderson
		RE Lee Smith
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia		
TE Jeff Schrage	Present	RE Don Andree
		RE Michael Ridenhour
		RE Bob Moore
		RE Scott Rice

First Presbyterian Church, Eden, North Carolina

TE Brad Milks	Present	Unexcused
		Unexcused

First Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia

TE Rufus Burton (Stated Clerk)	Present	RE Terry McDaniel
TE John W Cushwa	Present	

FORGE Community Church, Greensboro, NC (Mission Church)

TE Eric Shipton	Excused	Excused
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Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Eagle Rock, Virginia

TE Emily Hook	Present	Unexcused
		Unexcused

Greenwood Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Covington, Virginia

Vacant		Unexcused
		Unexcused

Hope Presbyterian Community Church, Waynesboro, Virginia

TE C. Brown Caldwell	Present	RE Robert Simmons
		RE William Watkins

Hurley Presbyterian Church, Hurley Virginia

CP Curtis Stacy (Also Roseann)	Unexcused	Unexcused
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Lebanon Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, Virginia

Vacant		See 012-11.C Below
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Mary's Presbyterian Church, Tazewell, Virginia

CP Danny Whitt	Unexcused	Unexcused
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Mebane Presbyterian Church, Mebane, North Carolina

TE Tom Clymer (NRP/Supply)	Present	RE Haifa Shahin-Johns
		RE Rob Latimer

Memorial Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

(Now Operating as FORGE Community Church) See Above

New Life Presbyterian Church, Salem, Virginia

TE Camron Smith	Present	RE Chris Chandler
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Northminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Madison Heights, Virginia

TE David Garrison	Excused	Unexcused
		Unexcused

Norton Presbyterian Church, Norton, Virginia

TE Michael Porter	Unexcused	Unexcused
		Unexcused

Piedmont Presbyterian Church, Callaway, Virginia

Released to Baptistic Independency 010-13.D

Princeton Presbyterian Church, Princeton, West Virginia

TE Edwin Pettus	Present	Unexcused
		Unexcused

Providence Presbyterian Church, Nathalie, Virginia

Vacant		Unexcused
		Unexcused

Restoration Community Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

TE Gary McGhee	Present	RE Andrew Morton
		RE Jordan Leonard
		RE Ken Trivette
		RE Gordon Miller

Reynolda Church, North Carolina

TE Alan Wright	Excused	RE Marion Blackwell
TE Chris Lawson	Unexcused	RE Stephen Elmore

Kernersville, North Carolina

CP Barrett Johnson	Present
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Clemmons, North Carolina

TE Brandon Williams	Unexcused
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King, North Carolina

TE Chuck Estes	Present
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Iglesia Reynolda, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

CP Amaury Hernandez	Unexcused
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River Oaks Community Church, Clemmons, North Carolina

TE David Beaty	Present	RE Mike Bost
TE Sonny Flowers	Present	RE Frank Carter
TE Andrew Wild	Present	
TE David Holcomb	Excused	
TE Brian Edmonds	Present	

Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian, Lynchburg, Virginia

TE David Weber	Present	RE Ken Bradford
TE Brett Eubank	Present	RE Bert Murphy
TE Shane Whelan	Present	

Roseann Presbyterian Church, Roseann, Virginia

CP Curtis Stacy (Counted with Hurley)	Unexcused	Unexcused
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Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church, Meadows of Dan, Virginia

CP Jeff Dalton	Present	RE Bob Ashcraft
		RE Tommy Mauk

Stuart Presbyterian Church, Stuart Virginia

TE Danny Redman	Present	RE Brandon Joyce
		RE Heather Underhill

Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church, Tazewell, Virginia

CP Danny Whitt (Counted with Mary's EPC)	Unexcused	Unexcused
		Unexcused

Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church, Marion, Virginia (Extinct)**Walker's Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Pamplin, Virginia**

TE Mark Carver (PCMA)		RE Bill Hogan
		RE Michael Goin

Warm Springs Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Warm Springs, Virginia

TE Marty Fields	Present	Excused
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Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, West Virginia

TE Jonathan Rockness	Excused	Unexcused
		Unexcused

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burlington, North Carolina

TE Powell Sykes	Present	RE Kathy Sykes
		RE Jeff Holt

Woodside Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia

Evan Grey (Candidate Under Care)	Present	RE Barry Rakes
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Wylliesburg Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Wylliesburg, Virginia

TE Peter Smith (Supply)	Present	Unexcused
		Unexcused

Teachers (BoG 9-5B)

(None)

Evangelists (BoG 9-5C)

TE Chris Haynes (Missionary PRMI Europe) Excused

TE Timotheus Global-Worker (Withheld) Excused

Administrative Members (BoG 9-5D)

(None)

Chaplains (BoG 9-5E)

TE Glen Holman (Augusta Health, Virginia) Excused

Serving Outside the Boundaries (BoG 9-6)TE Rob Buchanan (*RUN* Ministries) Excused

TE Andy Koesters (Families Alive) Present

Transitional Pastor Teaching Elders (BoG 19-2A1)

TE Benjamin Williams Excused

Pastors Without a Call (BoG 19-2A1)

(None)

Retired Teaching Elders (Active) (BoG 19-2A2)

TE Robert Barnett Present

TE Brown Caldwell (Counted with Piedmont) Present

TE Ron Cox Present

TE Bucky Hunsicker Excused

TE Lowell Sykes Excused

TE Barry Tucker Present

Associate Teaching Elders (BoG 19-2B1)

TE Marina Gopadze

TE Laura Spangler

Inactive (BoG 19-2B1)

(None)

Retired Teaching Elders (Inactive) (BoG 19-2B3)

TE Clarence Brown

TE Michael Brown

TE Peter Smith (Counted with Wylliesburg) Present

TE Robert Smith

TE David Wood

Teaching Elders Under Sanction (BoG 19-2B)

Two

Officers of the Presbytery (BoG 19-3)

TE E Pettus	Moderator	Present*
TE A Koesters	Missional Director	Present*
TE R Burton	Stated Clerk	Present*
Mr B. Kanode	IT Director	Present
TE B Eubank	Treasurer	Present*

*(Counted with their ministry above)

Candidates / Ministers to be Examined

None

Guests & Observers

Rev Dr John Hayden	Guest	Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ashland, Va
Global Worker D	Guest	EPCWO
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Logan Dickey	Observer	Downtown Presbyterian
Isaiah Parker	Observer	Downtown Presbyterian
Michael Welsch	Observer	Downtown Presbyterian
Marcia Ridenhour	Observer	First EPC Roanoke, VA
Giselle Caldwell	Observer	Hope Community Church
Cathy Clymer	Observer	Mebane Presbyterian Church
Brian Johns	Observer	Mebane Presbyterian Church
Barbara Pettus	Observer	Princeton
Debbie Elmore	Observer	Reynolda Church
Carolanne Bost	Observer	River Oaks
Theresa Barnett	Observer	Rivermont
John Jeffery	Observer	Rivermont
Kathryn Tucker	Observer	Rivermont
Sarah York	Observer	Rivermont
Marshall York	Observer	Rivermont
Lisa Mauk	Observer	Slate Mountain
Janette Redman	Observer	Stuart
Susan Holt	Observer	Westminster, Burlington

Numerical Attendance Summary

		Present	Excused	Unexcused	Total
Teaching Elders	(Full Members)	29	10	4	43
Teaching Elders	(Retired Active)	6	2		7
Teaching Elders	(Associate)				2
For Parity		35			54
Ruling Elders		33	12		
Officers of NRP		1			
Commissioned Pastors (counted as REs)		2	1	6	9
Candidates		1			
Guests		3			
Observers		18			
Total in Attendance		93			
Parity Report	TE/RE	35/33			

012-05 Approval of the Docket

Moderator Blackwell set before the Presbytery a motion to approve the docket.

Motion was sustained to Approve the Docket

012-06 Approval of the Minutes of the Eleventh Stated Meeting of the New River Presbytery.

Moderator Blackwell set before the Presbytery a motion to receive the Minutes of the 011 Meeting (2/6-2/7 2026) as they had been corrected.

Motion was sustained to Approve the Minutes as they had been corrected.

012-07 Communications and Referrals

The Stated Clerk reported to the Moderator that the NRP had received a request from the Office of the General Assembly to direct the attention of the Presbyters of the NRP to two different websites. The first was the online registration portal for the 46th General Assembly in Denver, and the second was the website of the Ad Interim Committee on Same Sex Attraction and Ordination Standards. Both web addresses were available in the Commissioners' Packet.

Otherwise there were no other communications or referrals from the other courts of the Church.

012-08 Introduction of Guests and First Time Commissioners

Moderator Blackwell encouraged the presbyters to introduce their guests and for TEs to help introduce any first-time commissioners.

012-09 Moderator's Report

Moderator Blackwell gave a brief report on his work and encouraged the Presbytery to greater faithfulness by exhorting the Elders from 2 Corinthians 3:2. He then urged the NRP to greater commitment to the four gospel priorities: Multiplication, Transformation, Global Movement, and Effective Biblical Leadership. The Moderator then concluded his report with prayer.

012-10 Missional Director's Report

TE Andy Koesters, the Missional Director, began his report by acknowledging the hard issues and hard providences in the life of the NRP. He encouraged the Elders to use the opportunities presented by our present sufferings to be a spur to greater faithfulness to the Great Commission. Through several passages of Scripture drawn mainly from Proverbs, John, and 1 Timothy, the Missional Director urged to Elders towards greater unity and gentleness that Satan might have no opportunity among us. TE Koesters then concluded his report with prayer.

012-11 Stated Clerk's Report

TE Rufus Burton began his report with a brief prayer. He then gave the following report:

A

Minutes of the Commission to Install
TE Shawn Morrison as Pastor of
Elon Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Elon, Virginia
 3:00PM 15 February 2026 Madison Heights, Virginia

The Commission, according to the appointment of the Presbytery of New River, met at Elon Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Madison Heights, Virginia with Teaching Elders: Brett Eubank, David Garrison, and Ruling Elders: Matt Schubert, John Lange, and Mary McAlister, and was opened with prayer by TE Eubank. There was a quorum present. TE David Garrison was elected as Moderator and RE John Lange as Clerk.

TE David Garrison presided and led the congregation in a worship service. TE Eubank preached from a sermon from Acts 20:17-35, entitled "The Whole Counsel of God," after which TE Garrison recited the proceedings of Presbytery leading up to this service, and RE McAlister propounded the constitutional questions to the minister and put the constitutional questions to the congregation. These being answered in the affirmative, TE Shawn Morrison was installed as Pastor of the Elon Evangelical Presbyterian Church, agreeably to the Word of God and the form of government. The charge to the Pastor was delivered by RE Schubert, and the charge to the congregation was delivered by TE Garrison. The service was concluded with the benediction pronounced by the newly installed pastor. The minutes were read and approved, and the commission was adjourned with prayer by TE Garrison.

/S/David Garrison, Moderator /S/John Lange, Clerk 15 February 2026

B

Minutes of the Commission to Install
TE Jeff Schrage as Pastor of
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
 3:00PM 15 March 2026 Roanoke, Virginia

The Commission, according to the appointment of the Presbytery of New River, met at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia with Teaching Elders: Mike Matlack, Emily Hook, and Ruling Elders: Don Andree, Barry Rakes, and David Smith, and was opened with prayer by TE Matlack. There was a quorum present. TE Mike Matlack was elected as Moderator and RE Don Andree as Clerk. Also sitting with the Commission was NRP Candidate for Ministry Evan Gray.

TE Mike Matlack presided and led the congregation in a worship service. Candidate Evan Gray preached from a sermon from Ephesians 1:3-14, entitled "The Guarantee of Our Inheritance," after which TE Matlack recited the proceedings of Presbytery leading up to this service, and TE Matlack propounded the constitutional questions to the minister and put the constitutional questions to the congregation. These being answered in the affirmative, TE Jeff Schrage was installed as Pastor of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, agreeably to the Word of God and the form of government. The charge to the Pastor was delivered by RE Rakes, and the charge to the congregation was delivered by RE Andree. The service was concluded with the benediction pronounced by the newly installed pastor. The minutes were read and approved, and the commission was adjourned with prayer by TE Matlack.

/S/Mike Matlack, Moderator /S/Don Andree, Clerk 15 March 2026

C**Requiring Action: Lebanon Church**

The Lebanon Presbyterian Church, having completed in good order the G.5-10 process in the presence of the named NRP representatives (011-20.A1) officially requests to be released into congregational independency. The Stated Clerk made the motion, on behalf of the Leadership Team and the Moderator put the question to the NRP.

Motion was sustained to release the Lebanon Presbyterian Church into congregational independency.

D**Exhortation to Good Order**

TE Burton then reminded the Presbyters of the important reporting deadlines and encouraged Sessions to submit their Annual Reports and Minutes in a timely way. The Clerk also informed the NRP that the Clerk and the Ministerial Committee would be improving the state of the NRP's personnel files and the clerk encouraged joyful participation by the Teaching Elders and Commissioned

Pastors. He concluded this portion of his report by highlighting the importance of theologically informed polity among the church courts.

The Clerk then concluded his report with a prayer for the peace and good order of the New River Presbytery.

Break

012-12 Church Alive Team (CDC cf. NRP VII.3.B)

Moderator Blackwell then invited the Church Alive Team to make its report. TE Chuck Estes led the NRP in prayer for the work of church health, church multiplication, and church vitality. After a brief presentation on the committee's work and the progress of God's kingdom in the NRP, TE Estes made the following report:

A Resources for Church Health

TE Estes re-introduced the presbyters to the various resources available to enable the work of ministry in the NRP.

B Resources for Church Multiplication and NRP Networks

TE Estes encouraged Sessions to think small and start small:

- 1) Small Bible Study groups in a new area.
- 2) Mission focused small groups.
- 3) Established Church supported outreach.

The Chair particularly encouraged the elders to "plant the kingdom" in order to foster its growth.

C Church Vitality

TE Estes highlighted the work of the NRP's *Church Health Coaches* and their ability to enter a collaborative ministry with sessions in order to help train Elders and Members to plant the gospel in local contexts.

The chairman then pointed to the resources available to Sessions to pursue vitality and a missional posture, and invited the NRP to the next round of ReFOCUS training seminars on 23 May, 2026 at Hope Community Church in Waynesboro, Virginia and 12 September, 2026 at Mebane Presbyterian Church in , Mebane, North Carolina.

TE Estes then concluded his report with a season of prayer.

012-13 World Outreach Committee

The Moderator invited TE Robert Barnett, Chair of the World Outreach Committee to the podium to give his report. TE Barnett opened his report with prayer and turned the NRP's attention to Revelation 7:9-10 and the Great Commission in Matthew 28. and the Psalmist's prayer that all the nations of the earth would know the saving power of the Lord. He then directed the Elders to the written report found on pages 7 and 8 of the Commissioners' Packet.

A EPC ENGAGE

TE Barnett reminded the NRP of our **EPC ENGAGE** (formerly ENGAGE 2025) global outreach commitments. Currently the NRP has two frontier mission works:

- 1) EPC ENGAGE in Uzbekistan. The NRP supports two global worker families doing missionary work with the Uzbek people. Two Global workers, **D** and **D**, were present at the meeting and were invited to give a brief report to help contextualize their work for the NRP.

As a part of this work the World Outreach Committee is developing and strengthening working relationships with *Advancing Native Missions* and the *Evangelical Reformed Church of Kazakhstan* which has a growing network of churches in Central Asia.

- 2) EPC ENGAGE in Pakistan. The NRP supports a global worker family and their ministries in Pakistan.

The Chair encouraged participation in the monthly prayer meetings as well as the various opportunities the congregations of the NRP have to meet, interact with and learn more about the ministries we support as part of our EPC ENGAGE effort.

B RE Shawn Stewart, EPCWO

The Chair introduced RE Shawn Stewart, to bring greeting from EPC World Outreach, who gave a brief update on denominational missionary endeavors around the globe.

C Marshal and Sarah York, JAARS

TE Barnett invited TE David Weber to introduce Marshal and Sarah York who are raising support for their missionary work with the Jungle Aviation And Relay Service, a Christian missionary effort to extend the Gospel's reach through the last mission mile with a combination of purpose built vehicles and airplanes allowing Global Workers and Supplies to enter the hardest to reach places on earth.

D KAIROS COURSE

The Chair then returned to the pulpit in order to alert the NRP to the next round of the Kairos Course occurring over the Summer from 28 July through 22 September, Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. He pointed the Elders to the registration page to be found through the EPC World Outreach homepage.

TE Barnett then encouraged support for the work of the NRP Global Workers and Missionaries. The Chair thanked the Presbytery for its work in World Outreach and World Mission. He thanked the speakers and concluded his report by praying for the evangelization of the world.

Break

012-14 Order of the Day

At the invitation of Moderator Blackwell, the Rev Dr. Josh Hayden, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ashland, Virginia was introduced by TE Chuck Estes. Dr. Hayden is the author of *Remissioning Church: A Field Guide to Bringing a Congregation Back to Life*. The NRP gave Dr. Hayden a warm welcome, and after TE Estes had prayer for him and his presentation, Dr. Hayden addressed the NRP on the topic of revitalizing congregations through missional presence.

Dr. Hayden led an admirable and important equipping time focusing on helping Ruling and Teaching Elders think through the steps needed to Re-Mission their congregations and help shift the focus of the congregation outward to the sharing of the gospel and the transformation of churches and communities. Members of the NRP received a copy of Dr. Hayden's book, and at the conclusion of his presentation, he prayed for the strengthening of the congregations of the NRP and the advance of the gospel in our nation.

Dinner Break**012-15 Evening Worship & Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

At 7:00, in the sanctuary of First Evangelical Presbytery Church, TE Jeff Schrage called the New River Presbytery to worship. During the service TE Brett Eubank, Associate Pastor of the Rivermont Church, and Treasurer of the NRP, preached a sermon from Acts 15:36 – 16:15 entitled, "A Strategic Epiphany." After the sermon and a season of prayer TE Jeff Schrage presided at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Saturday, May 2, 2026**012-16 Call to Order and Prayer**

Moderator Blackwell reconvened the meeting at 8:34 a.m., declared a quorum and opened the session in prayer.

012-17 Morning Devotion

TE Mike Matlack, Pastor of the Falling Springs Presbyterian Church called the NRP to worship and preached the morning sermon from Jeremiah 6:16-21 during which he encouraged the Elders to greater commitment to the service of the Lord. At the conclusion of the sermon the Moderator led the Presbytery in an extended season of prayer for the faithfulness of those in the Lord's service.

012-18 Ministerial Committee Report

At the invitation of the Moderator, TE Powell Sykes, Chair of the Ministerial Committee began his report by leading the Presbytery in prayer for the work of the ministry and the ministry of the congregations of the NRP. He exhorted the NRP to fully live into an evangelical, missional, Reformed and Presbyterian ministry.

The Chair then gave the NRP four items for information:

A For Information

1 007-11.A/010-13.A

No Session has yet received a request from the recently disciplined member of the NRP for membership. This is a material violation of the sanctions imposed by the Judicial Commission.

2 TE Cameron Smith has been appointed Moderator of the Session of the Woodside EPC, Roanoke, Virginia (G.21-2.D.2.b; 011-20.B.5).

3 TE Barry Tucker has been appointed Moderator of the Session of the Providence EPC, Nathalie, Virginia (G.21-2.D.2.b; 011-20.B.5).

4 TE Mark Carver (EPC – PCMA) Has been approved by the Ministerial Committee to be the **Transitional Pastor of Walkers Presbyterian Church**. He was introduced to the NRP and enrolled as a corresponding member. (G.10-7.A.1.a-c; 010-20.B.8)

B Ministerial Committee Omnibus Motion

TE Sykes then moved the Omnibus motion on behalf of the Ministerial Committee:

1 To excuse those members and commissioned pastors who had requested to be excused because of hard providence: TEs Rob Buchanan, Timotheus Global-Worker, Christopher Haynes, Brian Marsh, Eric Shipton, David Garrison, Alan Wright, David Holcomb, Jonathan Rockness, Glen Holman and CP Alan Morrison.

2 To excuse the sessions that had requested to be excused because of hard providence: Berry Hill; Bouldin; Buffalo; EPC Elkton; Warm Springs; and FORGE.

3 TE Bill Catoe is turning 70 and will therefore be retired. He and the Session of the Berry Hill Presbyterian Church, South Boston, Virginia, request the NRP to authorize his Call as Stated Supply through until the 014 Meeting of the NRP (February 6, 2027).

The omnibus motion was sustained.

TE Sykes then thanked the NRP for its attention during his brief report. He then concluded his report with prayer.

Break

012-19 Stewardship Committee Report

TE Brett Eubank, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee began his report by leading the Presbytery in prayer for the work of the Stewardship Committee and for the financial health of the NRP and her congregations. After describing the ways in which the Stewardship Committee was working to advance the cause and purpose of the NRP, TE Eubank gave the following detailed financial report:

A	Church	2026 POI YTD	2026 POI GIVEN IN 2027	TOTAL IN 2026
	Asbury		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Berry Hill	\$604.00	\$0.00	\$604.00
	Bethel		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Bouldin Memorial	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	Buffalo	\$1,665.00	\$0.00	\$1,665.00
	Christ Reigns (MG)		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Cleveland		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Downtown (MG)		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Elon		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Elkton	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00
	Falling Spring		\$0.00	\$0.00
	First EP Roanoke		\$0.00	\$0.00
	First Eden	\$1,010.40	\$0.00	\$1,010.14
	First Martinsburg		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Galatia		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Greenwood		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Hope	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
	Hurley		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Lebanon	\$456.25	\$0.00	\$456.25
	Mary's		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Mebane		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Memorial/FORGE (MC)		\$0.00	\$0.00
	New Life		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Northminster		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Norton		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Piedmont	Dismissed	Independency	2025
	Princeton	\$462.50	\$0.00	\$462.50
	Providence		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Restoration		\$0.00	\$500.00
	Reynolda	\$3,255.24	\$0.00	\$3,255.24
	River Oaks	\$6,375.00	\$0.00	\$6,375.00
	Rivermont	\$4,867.98	\$0.00	\$4,867.98
	Roseann	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
	Slate Mountain		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Stuart	\$787.50	\$0.00	\$787.50
	Thompson Valley		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Walker's		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Warm Springs		\$0.00	\$0.00

Westminster, Bluefield		\$0.00	\$0.00
Westminster, Burlington	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
Woodside		\$0.00	\$0.00
Wyliesburg		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$23,408.87	\$0.00	\$23,408.87

POI Comparison

2025	\$21,501.00
2026	\$23,409.00

B NRP Balance Sheet (through 3/31/2026)**ASSETS**

Current Assets		3/31/2026	3/31/2025
	Operating: Pinnacle Bank	\$20,120.84	\$15,322.84
	Money Market: Pinnacle Bank	\$41,163.14	\$41,129.48
	CD: Pinnacle Bank	\$109,095.06	\$106,318.27
Total	Current Assets	\$170,379.04	\$162,770.59

LIABILITIES

		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00

EQUITY**Unrestricted Net Assets**

	General Fund	\$59,703.99	\$48,157.91
Total	Unrestricted Net Assets	\$59,703.99	\$48,157.91

Restricted Net Assets

	Grace and Mercy Fund	\$2,281.23	\$2,281.23
	Church Development Committee Fund	\$80,814.82	\$81,018.36
	Chaplain Fund	\$575.39	\$575.39
	Missions Fund	\$2,808.18	\$5,513.67
	Missionary Emergency Fund	\$4,576.62	\$4,576.62
	Women's Fund	\$4,352.56	\$4,352.56
	Church Health Fund	\$7,766.25	\$8,044.85
	Emergency Relief Fund	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Total	Restricted Net Assets	\$110,675.05	\$114,612.68
Total	Equity	\$170,379.04	\$162,770.59
Total	Liabilities and Equity	\$170,379.04	\$162,770.59

C New River Presbytery Income Statement (Through 3/31/2026)

Account	2026 YTD ACTUAL	2025 YTD ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Income			
Percentage of Income	\$23,408.87	\$21,501.47	\$1,907.40
POI Rec'd Prior-Year 2024	\$9,790.75	\$2,713.91	\$7,076.84
Presbytery Offering	\$699.00	\$877.00	-\$178.00
Individual Giving	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Giving	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GA Church Health Initiative	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00
Interest Income	\$582.16	\$2,164.25	-\$1,582.09
Total Income	\$34,480.78	\$30,256.63	\$4,224.15
Expenses			
Compensation			
Missional Director Stipend	\$9,000.00	\$9,750.00	-\$750.00
Stated Clerk Stipend	\$5,000.01	\$4,500.00	\$500.01
IT Director Stipend	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Treasurer Stipend	\$1,500.00	1,500.00	\$0.00
Church Health Director Stipend	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Total Compensation	\$18,500.01	\$17,250.00	\$1,250.01
Personnel			
Travel-Missional Director	\$1,547.93	\$0.00	\$1,547.93
Travel-Stated Clerk	\$1,086.45	\$1,714.89	-\$628.44
Office Expense	\$194.19	\$0.00	\$194.19
Total Personnel	\$2,828.57	\$1,714.89	\$1,113.68
Professional Fees			
IT Expenses	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$39.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$431.60	\$497.46	-\$65.86
Liability Insurance (D/O)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Licenses/Fees	\$218.19	\$218.19	\$0.00
Bank Fees	\$10.40	\$0.00	\$10.40
Total Professional Fees	\$699.19	\$715.65	-\$16.46
Committees/Commissions			
Commissions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Executive Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ministerial Committee	\$175.45	\$622.84	-\$477.39
Stewardship Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
World Missions (Outreach)	\$3,493.00	\$3,900.00	-\$407.00
Presbytery	\$320.00	\$802.57	-\$482.57
General Assembly	\$0.00	\$889.81	-\$889.81

Total Committees/Commissions	\$3,988.45	\$6,215.22	-\$2,226.77
Benevolence			
Minister's Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Presbytery Offering	\$699.00	\$877.00	-\$178.00
Commissioner's Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Benevolence – Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Benevolence	\$699.00	\$877.00	-\$178.00
Church Development Committee			
New Church Plant Support	\$1,320.00	\$5,000.00	-\$3,680.00
Church Planter Health Insurance	\$879.60	\$439.80	\$439.80
Church Plant Coordinator	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
Church Planter Assessment/Coaching	\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
CDC Travel	\$15.95	\$402.56	-\$386.61
Church Planting Team Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Health Team Travel	\$0.00	\$169.40	-\$169.40
Transitional Pastor Coaching/Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Revitalization	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Presbytery Equipping	\$0.00	\$950.00	-\$950.00
Total Church Develop. Comm.	\$3,465.55	\$8,411.76	-\$4,946.21
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,180.77	\$35,184.52	-\$5,003.75
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$4,300.01	-\$4,927.89	\$9,227.90

After explaining the contents of the detailed financial reports, TE Eubank then answered specific questions from the floor. The NRP was encouraged by the good order and health of its finances.

TE Eubank then concluded his report with prayer.

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012-20 Westminster Standards Equipping Time

Moderator Blackwell reminded the NRP of the relevance of the *Westminster Standards* for encouraging, equipping, and enabling disciple making churches to plant disciple making churches. RE Blackwell then invited TE Rufus Burton, founding clerk of the New River Presbytery, to address the NRP on the nature and importance of the *Standards* as a present help for ministry. After a brief prayer for the triumph of Westminster orthodoxy in the congregations of the New River Presbytery, TE Burton addressed the importance of the Westminster Standards in the life of health congregations.

At the conclusion his presentation Dr. Burton recommended Chad Van Dixhoorn's *Confessing the Faith*, published by the Banner of Truth. Having delighted the NRP long enough, Dr. Burton concluded his time with prayer.

012-21 Closing Season of Prayer

The Moderator then invited TE Chuck Estes, the Church Health Coordinator, to the pulpit where they then led the NRP in a substantial season of prayer for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, specifically that her members, and especially the officers of the New River Presbytery may flee pride, and remain zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the church.

012-22 Expression of Thanks to the Host Church

RE Blackwell, the Moderator, then led the Presbytery in an expression of thanks to the host church, and prayed for the minister, elders, deacons, members, and friends of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, praising God for their generous hospitality.

012-23 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

October 2nd and 3rd 2026, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Salem, Virginia

012-24 Adjournment

Having been successfully moved, seconded, and sustained, Moderator Blackwell adjourned the 012th Meeting and closed with Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

/S/ Rufus T Burton

Rufus T Burton, Stated Clerk