

MEETING 013

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

PACKET

2-3 October 2026

New Life

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Salem, Virginia**

**Proposed Docket New River Presbytery EPC
013 Stated Meeting – October 2-3, 2026
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia**

Friday, October 2

New Life Presbyterian Church, Salem, Va

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| 9:00am | Registration and Committee/Group Meetings |
| 11:00am | RE training and nurture – Andy Koesters |
| 11:00am | Pastor's Wives Tea |
| 12:00pm | Lunch and Learn - SWOT analysis |
| 1:00pm | Call to Order
Host Church Welcome – Cameron Smith |
| 1:05pm | Opening Worship/Prayer – Tom Clymer |
| 2:00pm | Preliminary Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. |
| 2:10pm | Moderator's Report – Marion Blackwell |
| 2:15pm | Report of Missional Director – Andy Koesters |
| 2:30pm | Report of the Stated Clerk – Rufus Burton |
| 2:45pm | Break |
| 3:00pm | Churches Alive Team – Chuck Estes |
| 3:25pm | Report of World Outreach Committee - Robert Barnett |

3:50pm Break

4:00pm (Order of the Day) Richard Pratt

5:30pm Recess for Dinner

7:00pm Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 Preacher – TE Richard Pratt
 Communion – TE Cameron Smith

Saturday, October 3

8:30am Call to Order
 Morning Worship – TE Timothy Janiszewski

9:00am Report of Ministerial Committee – Powell Sykes
 Examination of TE Timothy Janiszewski (Platte Valley, PCA)

10:15am Break

10:30am Report of Stewardship – Brett Eubank

10:40am WCF FOCUS – Andy Koesters

11:30am Other matters of importance

11:55am Expression of appreciation to host church

Noon Adjournment

Next NRP Meeting – February 5-6, 2027
Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

Prayer

Tom Clymer, Chaplain

Previous Meeting Minutes:

012 Stated Meeting New River Presbytery

The Moderator's Report:

Marion Blackwell, Moderator

Notes:

The Missional Director's Report

Andy Koesters, Missional Director

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Clerk's Report

For Information

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Important Due Dates

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

Ministerial Reports are Due (10 January 2027)

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

First Lord's Day in February

Previous Year Session Minutes are Due (7 February 2027)

Communications for the 013 Meeting

Descending Overtures from the 46th General Assembly, to be processed by the NRP at the 014th Meeting, February, 2027.

Churches Alive Team (CAC/CDC)

Chuck Estes, Chair

Notes:

The World Outreach Committee serves the mission of New River Presbytery to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus, focusing on the EPC Gospel Priority of Global Movement.

EPC Engage: We actively support frontier mission activity among two least-reached people groups: a) Turkic Muslims in Central Asia and b) the Punjabi in Pakistan (the latter ministry done jointly with the other two presbyteries of the former Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic).

1. EPC Engage in Central Asia: We continue support of two EPC global worker couples and their families, primarily through our Home Team, meeting with them monthly online for prayer and encouragement.
 - a. Through **Projects Sonshine** and **Hope Valley**, one EPC global worker facilitates a team of four foreign global workers to provide agricultural consulting, build wells and irrigation systems, and plant and maintain fruit production orchards. This team hires and ministers to Muslim workers and Muslim Background Believers.
 - b. After a four-month home assignment in the US, one EPC family returned to their ongoing work in community development, education, and personal counseling. Both EPC global worker couples coach indigenous church planting efforts and conduct relational evangelism, often ministering to women and men impacted by domestic and substance abuse.
2. EPC Engage in Pakistan: We support one EPC family leading a sports ministry called **Serve Pakistan** that reaches and disciples Pakistanis through cricket clubs, through a combined presbytery Home Team, meeting monthly online with them for prayer and encouragement.
 - a. Serve Pakistan held two promotional events attended by presbytery members: Summer Home Team Gathering, July 28-29 in Black Mountain, NC; and “Taste of Pakistan,” Sep 22-30 in London, UK.

- b. Serve Pakistan continues progress on their Clarkabad sports complex. During the Presbytery meeting, we plan to show a brief video update and provide an information sheet at the NRP WO display table.
3. Further ministry in Central Asia: To expand our participation in frontier missions in the region, we are building a working relationship with **Advancing Native Missions**. Representatives from ANM will provide a brief summary on their ministry during the Presbytery meeting.

KAIROS: We continue participation, both on-line and in-person, in a nine-week discipleship course that helps transform worldviews so that every believer and church understand its role in God's global missionary mandate.

1. EPC World Outreach offered Kairos via Zoom, Jul 28 – Sep 22. The next available EPC Zoom cohort will be Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm. For information and to register, see <https://www.epcwo.org/kairos>.
2. New River Presbytery is conducting an in-person Kairos course, Sep 24-Nov 19, at Rivermont EPC, Lynchburg, VA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCT
22**

Connecting Mission Leader Conference

CML brings together mission leaders and enthusiasts for worship, prayer, collaboration, and sharing best practices for global mission.



epcwo.org/cml/

**OCT
26**

The Unfinished Story for Youth

A five-week video-based course that equips young believers with a biblical worldview and invites participation in God's global mission.



epcwo.org/unfinishedstory/

**OCT
29**

International Students

An online equipping for those who want to build relationships with international students and engage in meaningful cross-cultural outreach.



epcwo.org/diaspora/

**JAN
14**

Eagles' Wings Cohort

A cohort of retired adults who have a heart for the nations and desire to serve God and His people in His Kingdom work.



epcwo.org/eagleswings/

**JAN
21**

Kairos

A nine-session discipleship course that covers the Biblical, Historical, Strategic, and Cultural dimensions of the world Christian movement.



epcwo.org/kairos/

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LAUNCHING TO THE FIELD

Matching Grant

A \$35,000 matching grant to help new global workers launch to the field.

epcwo.org/support/

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World Outreach

Notes:

Treasurer's Report

Brett Eubank, Treasurer

Notes:

Ministerial Committee

Powell Sykes, Chair

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Notes for the report to the session: