

Current Opportunities for Volunteer Short-Term Pastors and Youth Workers

AIPM currently has 3 opportunities for short-term volunteer pastors and 2 opportunities for volunteer youth workers. We need candidates for short-term pastors for 2 churches in England and 1 in Spain. We need candidates for youth workers for 2 churches in England.

For short-term pastors, the need coming up soonest is for Javea International Baptist Church (JIBC) on the Costa Blanco of Spain. The ideal start date is early January 2025. This assignment will be for 3-months rather than the standard 6-months because of issues with visas for ministry in Spain. See the link below for details for the opportunity at Javea International Baptist Church.

The second soonest need for short-term pastor is for Morley Community Church in Morley, West Yorkshire, UK. An American couple, Doug and Connie Wright from Clearfield, PA have been called to serve from late 2024 until late-spring 2025. We will need candidates to continue the ministry from mid 2025. See the link below for details for the opportunity at Morley Community Church.

The third need will start in late summer 2025 at Doncaster Baptist Church (DBC). DBC has called Jerry and Carolyn Cox from Branson, MO to serve from as soon as visas arrive in August 2024 until July 2025. The Coxes are available and willing to serve for approximately 12-months. See the link below for details for the opportunity at Doncaster Baptist Church.

Short-term pastors from America serve in assignments of approximately 6 months duration in churches in Britain and Spain. The short-term pastors must be self-supporting by living on their pensions or by arranging financial support because small churches in Britain and Spain cannot afford to pay a salary. The goal of AIPM is to help these churches reach people with the Gospel message and grow.

Experienced American pastors and other church staff member as well as God-called lay leaders have the skills and experience to do the work of short-term pastor. Because cultural differences are significant, a comprehensive orientation is given before the initial assignments as short-term pastor in the UK.

For short-term pastors the UK church provides a house or flat with utility bills paid, a car with insurance and road taxes paid and reimburses for visa and airline ticket expenses. Our volunteers pay for groceries and the mandatory Immigration Health Surcharge which gives access to Britain's National Health Service for medical care.

Our most urgent need for candidates for youth worker is for Immanuel-Maidstone, just southeast of London. Immanuel is a church plant by an evangelical and conservative Anglian church in County Kent, All Saints. See the link below for details for the opportunity at Immanuel-Maidstone Church.

The second need for youth workers is for a community-wide youth ministry in Bangor, North Wales. Two other local evangelical churches have partnered with Penraalt Baptist Church and

Youth for Christ to reach youth is their area. See the link below for details for the opportunity at Penraalt Baptist Church.

We have found that current university students and recent graduates do excellent work in UK churches. Because cultural differences are so important and experience at youth ministry may be limited, we put a lot of effort into orientation of youth worker candidates before assignments start. Differences and experience levels notwithstanding, we have found that American volunteers are of great value to UK churches for assignments of 2 months to 2 years. These volunteers serve a wide age range from children to young adults of their own age. Our volunteer youth workers raise funds to pay for their own airline tickets, visas and the mandatory Immigration Health Surcharge. The British church provides meals and lodging in homes of church members and a nominal living expenses allowance.