

# MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN RETIREES VOLUNTEER INTERIM PASTOR MORLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND

Morley Community Church (MCC) is a conservative evangelical Congregational Church near Leeds in Yorkshire. It was started in 2000 by a group of Christians who live in the town but worshipped elsewhere. They sensed the Holy Spirit's leadership to start an evangelical church in their town. Currently, Sunday worship attendance averages 18. MCC's present leadership consists of 2 deacons, Ray Baker and Andy Dalton. There is maximum involvement of the congregation and a high level of commitment.



**MCC Congregation**

Since 1945 the number of churches in the town of over 28,000 declined from 27 to 11 and all of the remaining churches have very small

congregations. A recent survey showed that less than 2% of the adult population attend worship. Of this number, over 70% are pensioners. Thus, the urgent need for evangelism and outreach to people that are apathetic and resistant to the Gospel. Regardless, MCC is seeking to fulfil the Great Commission.



**MCC Rented Worship Center and Hall**

MCC is willing to experiment with styles of worship and methods of outreach to win their community for Christ. They use imaginative ways to evangelize such as highly successful youth camps the past 16 summers, annual

Vacation Bible Club, Missions Week, youth meetings, and lunchtime Bible clubs in 2 schools on Thursdays and Fridays reaching 30 children. There is strong emphasis on community links and a positive high profile with the public.

In addition to evangelism and visitation (with members and non-members), the church places a high priority for pastoral leadership on solid biblical preaching,

pastoral care and disciple development. The American interim pastor will help the leadership team with vision and strategy for MCC and represent the church externally with community groups.

MCC rents space at the local school for Sunday services and weekday meetings after school hours and during school vacation. Other meetings such as Bible study and prayer on Tuesday evenings are held in member's homes. MCC is affiliated with the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches-UK, (EFCC). The USA equivalent is the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC).



**MCC Manse (Parsonage)**

MCC will provide the American interim pastor housing with bills paid, a car with expenses paid and will reimburse for airline tickets and visa expenses. The interim pastor will receive no salary or other form of remuneration and must pay living expenses including groceries and the

recently established Immigration Health Surcharge fee of about \$300 per person per year (gives access to National Health Service).



**Bronte Country Near Leeds**

The beautiful Yorkshire Dales and the ancient city of York are less than 1-hour's drive from Morley

**For information contact Chuck McComb on 281-799-1869 or [mccombch@aol.com](mailto:mccombch@aol.com) or visit [www.americaninterimpastors.com](http://www.americaninterimpastors.com). AIPM is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that is run by a Baptist board of Directors.**