

Ministry in the United Kingdom United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom -

an opportunity to enjoy working among rural communities in the far north of England on the Scottish borders, in the northern part of the beautiful county of Northumberland.

The North Northumberland Mission Partnership of the United Reformed Church is looking for an ordained minister of the Word and Sacrament to enjoy team ministry among seven small congregations with a combined membership of 165. The successful applicant will live in the Manse at Wooler or Berwick, which is provided along with ministerial expenses on a 'house for duty' basis, a car and car insurance, plus a contribution to mileage expenses. The minister will pay gas and electricity bills. Duties are mainly pastoral, preaching, and churning meetings. The appointment is part-time (50%), ideally for two years, but the Partnership would consider one year. The Partnership ministry team is currently a combination of lay ministry alongside one retired and one active stipendiary minister. Each congregation has its own history and identity, placed in quite distinct communities – the challenge is to hold it all together!

This is the fourth such arrangement, having received three previous ministers from overseas, ranging from a young family to recently retired couples, and is becoming a well-established and enriching experience for all concerned.

Northumberland is an ideal base to explore Scotland, and links with the Iona Community, and Northumbria Community. The holy island of Lindisfarne (site of the URC's St Cuthbert's Centre); and the Farne Islands lay offshore close by, steeped in Celtic Christian heritage, and inhabited by seals and puffins.

For further details on the North Northumberland Mission Partnership of the United Reformed Church, and for an insight into some of our initiatives, see www.urb-northernsynod.org and www.northernbreeze.org

If you feel this could be something for you to pursue and would like a more detailed job description, please contact the resident stipendiary minister, Rev Dave Herbert in the first instance, via email: daveherbert@btinternet.com