

SABBATICAL PROPOSAL WITH MISSION EMPHASIS FOR REV. APRIL H. CRANFORD

Memorial Day, May 30, 2022–Labor Day, September 5, 2022

(13 weeks + 1 vacation week)

MISSION WITH FAMILY—BAJA, MEXICO

Mission trip to Baja, Mexico, with churches from the Shenandoah Presbytery

One Week, July 10–16, 2022

Cost, \$4,400 (\$1,100 per person with four attending family members)

Pastor April and her family will serve together in Baja, Mexico. The Shenandoah Presbytery's Baja mission trip is a ministry of the churches of the Shenandoah Presbytery, PC(USA). The purpose of the Baja mission trip is to show the love of Christ in Baja and to one another in house building and mission outreach.

<https://shenpres.org/baja/>

MISSION WITH SPOUSE—SCOTLAND

Isle of Iona and Edinburgh, Scotland

Approx. Two weeks, June or August, 2022

Cost, \$12,500

Two or three nights, Edinburgh, Scotland

Pastor April and her husband, Reed, will explore Scotland's religious history at St Giles' Cathedral, regarded as the mother church of Presbyterianism. After the Reformation, John Knox became St Giles' first minister. John Knox is the founder of Presbyterianism.

Two-week stay on Isle of Iona

Pastor April and Reed will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary; learn alongside residents of Iona about peace and social justice; worship in the morning and the evening at the Abbey; and spend time reading, relaxing, and fishing.

The Iona Community is a dispersed Christian ecumenical community working for peace and social justice, rebuilding of community, and the renewal of worship. We are a community of people from different walks of life and different traditions in the Church engaged together, and with people of goodwill across the world, in acting; reflecting; and praying for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation. We are convinced that the inclusive community we seek must be embodied in the community we practice.

<https://iona.org.uk/>

MISSION CONFERENCE—ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Wild Goose Festival (Pastor only)

One week, August 30–September 4, 2022

Cost, \$1,000–\$1,500

Pastor April will spend one week in Asheville, North Carolina, putting together and attending the Wild Goose Festival. The Wild Goose Festival, September 1-4, 2022, is a transformational community grounded in faith-inspired social justice. Wherever we come together, at our nationwide festival, smaller local and regional gatherings, or social spaces online, we learn and grow by co-creating art, music, story, theater, and spectacle, engaging in a wide variety of robust, respectful conversations with one another and with thought leaders and artists from other communities. We refuse to be enemies with anyone.

<https://wildgoosefestival.org/wild-goose-invitation/>

DETAILED SABBATICAL PROPOSAL

Expenses and Income Sources

Mission with Family

Mission Trip to Baja, Mexico

Total Cost, \$4,400

Four members of family attending at \$1,100 per person

Additional costs for building supplies, food, and other necessities will be raised through presbytery-wide fundraising events.

Mission with Spouse

Edinburgh, Scotland and Isle of Iona

Two weeks, June or August

Total Cost, \$12,250

Airfare

\$50, Ticket fee with Covington Travel

\$2,300, Airfare per person

\$4,600, Total for two non-stop United flights to Edinburgh, Scotland

Three Night stay in Edinburgh

\$1,500, Three nights hotel accommodations in Edinburgh

\$500, Round trip travel from Edinburgh to Oban

Optional, \$500-\$600, Private tour guide in Edinburgh

\$450, Food cost, \$100-\$150 per day in Edinburgh

Two Weeks in Iona

\$4,200, Bed and breakfast with the cost of \$2,800 (\$195 per night) and

\$100 per day for food with a total food cost of \$1,400

\$500, Fishing in Iona

Mission Conference—Pastor only

Wild Goose Festival, Asheville, NC

Total Cost, \$1,000-\$1500

\$300, Festival ticket

\$500, Glamping at festival

\$500, Three-night stay in hotel prior to conference

\$200, Meals

Income Sources for Sabbatical

1. \$6,000, Strong's Minister Grant
2. \$3,000, Board of Pension Sabbatical Grant
3. \$2,500, Pastor's Continuing Education (\$500) and Professional Funds (\$2,000)
Total = \$11,500
4. Researching additional grants