



RLRI NE 2022 Featured Speakers –Delta Lake Bible Conference Center

Friday Evening

February 18

Pastor Curtiss Gibbs

Curtiss Gibbs joined CVM full-time after 12 years of pastoral ministry in the local church, mostly focused on youth, college students, and missions. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and is finishing his Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. Curtiss loves connecting people to their calling and working to see individuals and groups thrive as they serve God. He and his wife, Shannon, have been married since 2003, and love to spend time outdoors and in the company of family and friends.

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Saturday

February 19

Devotional

Pastor Joseph Bove

Pastor Joseph J. Bove has worked in veterinary software for over twenty-two years. In addition to having the opportunity to travel to many different parts of the world to consult on electronic Medical Records (US, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, Jordan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Uganda, UK), Joseph has the great pleasure of being a local pastor and volunteering with CVM. Working with a number of vet schools in the US, he has had the opportunity to meet with various CVF groups and attend a number of RL/RI weekends. In his spare time, he visits his family and sleeps. If you would like to meet one-on-one with Joseph during RL/RI for questions, dialogue, prayer, counseling, etc. please feel free to reach out to him before or during RL/RI.

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Session One

Jeremy Laidlaw

Jeremy is a business geek and computer nerd. He currently works as the managing director of RHT Ventures; an investment group that plants digital communities with a focus on data and stories. When not in front of people or a computer, Jeremy spends his time working on the farm; Jeruzy Acres. He has been married to his wife Suzanne since 2015; together they are Jeruzy.

Helen Noble, DVM

Dr. Helen Noble is a 1981 graduate of University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. She owns SRH Veterinary Services, located in Ipswich, Massachusetts, a family owned mixed animal practice. Her

primary focus herself is horses but she treats all animals large and small. Dr. Noble seeks to live out her faith through her daily interactions with clients and staff in her practice, as well as being involved as a leader on short-term mission trips to India and the Philippines'. Dr. Noble is on the Board of Advisors for CVM and enjoys representing CVM at some veterinary conferences. Dr. Noble has a lot to share from her experience in balancing the responsibilities of a veterinarian, wife, having been married for years to her husband Leif, mother, (raising two now married sons, Joshua and Caleb), and a grandmother to two granddaughters.

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Session Two

Becky Holvik, DVM

Dr. Holvik will be amongst a few speakers who are joining this year's RLRI directly from attending CVM's spring board meeting. Becky serves on the Advisory Board for CVM and CVM Canada. She also serves as a student ministry advocate at the nearby vet college. She and her husband, along with their two children, reside in Ontario.

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Ginger Hobgood, DVM

Dr. Ginger Hobgood is a 2017 graduate from NC State University, who braved the cold and moved north for a mixed animal job outside of Erie, PA. She has been involved in CVM participating in and now helping to lead trips to the Native American people of Navajo, Cherokee, and Alaska. When not working with every kind of species that walks through the clinic door, Ginger spends her time entertaining her border collie, cat and bearded dragon, as well as playing guitar for church and a little hobby photography. Email: ghobgoo@ncsu.edu

Midday Gathering

Maria Syska, DVM

Dr. Maria Syska Garrett obtained her BS in Biology from Washington and Lee University in VA, and her VMD from the University of Pennsylvania. She completed a small animal medicine and surgery internship in Charlotte NC, then spent several years as an associate before having the privilege of being a clinic owner in Greensboro, NC. Recently Maria has found her way back to beautiful Chester County, PA, and now works as a pharmacovigilance veterinarian for Merck Animal Health. Bringing love and joy to her home are her daughter, Peyton, her loyal Aussie, Scout, and her (thankfully!) very tolerant Ragdoll cat, Duckie. Maria's professional passions include challenging medicine cases, quality of life issues, and client education. Maria cherishes the human-animal bond and spent several years volunteering with therapeutic horseback riding programs. Considering veterinary medicine as her calling from God, Maria is also an active member of Christian Veterinary Mission, where she has participated in two missions trips to Nicaragua and led a local fellowship group. Outside of veterinary medicine, Maria enjoys any opportunity to get outside with her daughter and dog, participating in church activities, and traveling.

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Session Three

Niki Devries, DVM

Niki has a passion for adventure, people and the Lord. Prior to graduation, Niki completed a CVM missions apprenticeship in 2015 to learn more about missions and veterinary medicine. She graduated from the Ontario veterinary college in 2016 and knew she wanted to live a different life. She moved to Africa then Thailand for a few months to learn more about God. When she came home, she found a job

in small animal medicine. She met and married her husband in 2018. By a twist in fate, they were relocated from their small town lives into Toronto, where Simeon is taking full time schooling and Niki is working in a different small animal practice. Now together, they continue to ask questions and seek the truth about their purpose, their call and how they can serve best.

Lynn Roy, DVM

Dr. Lynn Roy grew up in the mid-Hudson Valley of New York (not far from here!) and obtained her BS in Animal Science and her DVM at Cornell in 1985. She worked several years in a mixed animal practice in Natick, MA. She then moved into Small Animal practice and is currently doing relief work in Central Massachusetts. Lynn and her husband, Steve were Children's pastors for 7 years and Lynn directed the Children's choir. For years, Steve and Lynn have been the Global Ministry Directors where they maintain communications with 40 missionaries and ministries their church supports, lead a 100+ strong prayer team and coordinate short term mission trips with their church. Lynn has been on short term mission trips to: Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Ecuador, Ghana and South Africa. Last summer, she joined a CVM team to the Navajo Nation in Arizona! She and Steve have been married 40 years and have a daughter, Megan and a son Matt and 2 furry children, Max the lab and Dudley the cat. Email: Lmroy3@juno.com

Session Four

Suzanne Laidlaw, DVM

Suzanne is always seeming to switch things up in life, she has lived in 4 countries, has practiced as a large, small and equine veterinarian and thrown in some exotics too. She has worked full time, part-time, locum and as a relief veterinarian as well as having worked for CVM. She has traveled on several short-term missions with CVM. She resides on Jeruzy Acres with her husband and dog near the Blue Mountains in Ontario. These last things she has no plans on switching up.

Yrjo Grohn, DVM

New Grad Panel – Drs. Duffield, Murphy and Knecht

Evening Message

Michael Atchison, Ph.D

Dr. Michael Atchison is a Professor of Biochemistry and Director of the VMD-PhD Program at the University of Pennsylvania College of Veterinary Medicine, where he has served since 1989. Dr. Atchison is the faculty representative for the CVF group at U Penn, and also serves as a Bible Study co-leader at his church, and has participated on multiple short-term mission trips to Bulgaria and India over the past 16 years. He and his wife have 2 grown sons. For entertainment Dr. Atchison plays guitar in a local blues/rock band.

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Sunday

February 20

Devotional

Debbie Hoffele, DVM

Dr. Debbie Hoffele is an OVC 1988 graduate, and she has been involved in small animal practice since graduation in Ontario and Nova Scotia. She is married to Dr. Stephen Cheung (Environment Ergonomist at Brock University) and mom to 2 teenage boys. She is involved in missions through the local church

and has been on previous CVM trips to India, Honduras and Haiti. Debbie has served with CVM as STM trip participant, STM trip leader, CVM Canada advisory board and CVM Canada Eastern and Western Region Rep. Debbie is currently serving as the Executive Director for CVM Canada as well and continuing to cover the Eastern and Western regions.

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