Mid South Professional RLRI

Mississippi State University

February 12, 2027

FRIDAY	
11:00am	Lunch and Introductions / Welcome by **Dr. Johanna Choate**
12:00-12:50 pm	**Successful Practices in Poor Places** *Rocky Lindsey* Learn how to run a profitable veterinary clinic in an economically depressed area while serving the community well.
1:00-1:50pm	**Cultural and Economic Differences in Treating Animals in Developing Nations – Attitudes and Perceptions** *Kelly Crowdis* This course will provide 1 hour of lecture and discussion highlighting the differences of animal ownership and treatment in developing nations in contrast with the US and Canada.
1:50pm-2:10pm	Short Break/Fellowship
2:10-3:50pm	**The Cost of Caring** *Rob Goodman* In 2024, Barnas Creative produced a documentary exploring the challenges faced by veterinary professionals. This two-hour session will view sections of this documentary and pause to discuss the ways that our faith enables us to bear the cost of caring in practice. It will also explore the challenge of suicide within the veterinary profession and seek ways in which our faith invites us to engage with this difficult topic.
4:00pm	Debrief, Prayer, Adjourn to RLRI if attending

All 4 hours are being submitted for RACE approval

Christian Veterinary Mission

Speaker Bios

Rocky Lindsey, DVM

Dr. Rocky Lindsey (LSU '98) and wife, Alicia, live in rural Arkansas. Dr. Lindsey owned and operated Warren Animal Clinic and Monticello Animal Clinic for over 10 years where he practiced high quality medicine at an affordable price to serve his economically depressed community. He sold his successful practices and became a Region Representative with Christian Veterinary Mission of which he still remains as an Associate. He currently teaches and advises pre-veterinary students at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and works as a relief veterinarian.

Kelly Crowdis, DVM

Kelly is a 2000 graduate of Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine. Kelly first engaged with CVM as a veterinary student in 1996 and later as a member of short-term trips before going to Haiti full-time where she served for 17 years. Kelly and her son Ronald are now serving from Wichita, Kansas as Deputy Missions Director for the Americas. When she's not working or at church you can find Kelly at Ronald's soccer games or in the garden.

Rob Goodman, DVM

Dr. Rob Goodman is a veterinarian, an Army veteran, a priest in the Anglican tradition, a spiritual director, and a rancher.

Rob is passionate about transformation and spiritual wellbeing. He believes that our practices link our identity to our hope. Our practices, the things we do every day either intentionally or unintentionally, reveal the truths about who we really are and the lies that we have believed. Our practices also have the power to lead us to live as we truly are and become who we were meant to be. Paradoxically, our transformation results in becoming what we have always been - Beloved.

Rob is a spiritual director at Horizons (https://www.horizons-sa.org/) and the Canon for Spiritual Direction and Spiritual Formation for the Anglican Diocese of All Nations. He provides quarterly workshop on resilience for the San Antonio Bridges to Care program (https://www.nami-sat.org/bridges-to-care) and works closely with Christian Veterinary Mission providing teaching and pastoral care.