



RLRI Northeast 2027 Program Summary – Delta Lake, NY

Friday Evening

January 15

CVM Host

Dr. Kara Song

Worship/Prayer

Delta Lake Bible Conference Center

Saturday

January 16

Worship and Session One 9am

“Finding balance between God’s gifts, life, and veterinary medicine” - Dr. Robert Cafaro

God’s design and sovereignty gives each of us our own unique desires, skills, and experiences. It can be tough to balance and give space to all of these while still practicing veterinary medicine. This talk will provide insight into how to bring God’s gifts into balancing life, work, missions, and your own well-being.

Session Two 9:55am

“Perspective on STM: A Panel” – Drs. Joan and Jerry Kolb, Dr. Helen Noble, and Anastasia Iglikova

Each of the panelists has been fortunate enough to participate in short-term mission trips within the US or overseas. They will share the impact that can result from personal spiritual growth, sharing the Good News or improving living conditions for those in need. Many individuals are called to serve short-term, plus those who support such trips, often assume the ‘needy’ community will benefit the most. It is important to be humble enough to realize that those who serve may be just as needy as those served, just from different perspectives. Have questions about short-term missions? Come hear from the panelists and ask your questions.

Session Three 10:50am

“Careers Roundtable” - Drs. Morgan Robinson, Gianna Zavota, and others

Come hear from different areas of vet med. Panelists will share how they arrived at their specific field of interest and how God has been able to use their skills in the mission field either in the clinic or out serving the less fortunate

CVF Updates and Prayer 11:40am

Lunch and Group Picture 12pm

Fellowship Time/Study Break 1pm

Session Four 3:30pm

“You Mean it is Possible? How You CAN Pay Back Your Loans” – Dr. Kara Song*

Despite the constant clamor that it is impossible to pay off your loans and you just need to live with them, Kara found that it is possible. Hear about her journey from trying to pay it off to now planning on PSLF. Hear updates on changes to student loans and payment plans as well as how others have been able to pay off their loans. Maybe you too, will find that it is possible rather than impossible and share this hope with others.

Session Five 4:30pm

“Faith in the Exam Room: Incorporating conversations about God in Veterinary Medicine” – Dr. Lynn Roy and Kim Chanowitz, LVT

Sharing your faith is sometimes daunting and overwhelming...and that is on a good day. But add the stress of practice and the unknown of "how will they respond" and "I'm just struggling to get through this exam", how can I share my faith in a short appointment?

We hope to give some Biblical principles, practical examples and ideas for how to share your faith with clients and coworkers in the veterinary practice.

Please bring your experiences and questions so we can all learn and be better equipped to share HIS light in who we are, what we say and how we practice.

Dinner 5:30pm

Session Six and Worship 7:00pm

“Following Christ — Are we trusting in His plans or ours?” - Dr. Tara Zentner

How do you want to serve the Lord and glorify Him in this profession? Whether your calling from the Lord is to practice large, mixed, small animal, or other; do you trust in God’s plans for your career? How do we handle disruptions to our plans? Our jobs carry eternal value, a place to develop our character. We can use our gifts as a form of stewardship, serving others, and a way to express one's deeper purpose or calling. This talk will provide an overview of my time practicing mixed animal, in private and corporate practice. Encouraging us all to share the love and heart of Christ through veterinary medicine in practice and on missions.

Fellowship Around Fire 9:00pm

Sunday

January 17

Devotional and Worship 9:00am

“Hebrews 10” – Pastor Joseph Bove

