# Vírtual RLRI



On Zoom

# March 9, 2024



Saturday	
3:00-3:30pm ET	Introductions/Welcome by Region Reps
3:30-4:00pm ET	<b>Dr. Dean Hendrickson</b> Shining Your Light in the Darkness
4:00-4:30pm ET	<b>Drs. S, E, P, and Families</b> Stories from CVM Work in Senegal
4:30pm-4:50pm ET	Short Break/Fellowship
4:50pm-5:00pm ET	Bliss Steele This Little Light of Mine
5:00-5:55pm ET	<b>Dr. Rob Goodman</b> Lessons on Wellbeing from Regenerative Agriculture*
5:55-6:25pm ET	<b>Dr. Mary McDonald</b> What my Scottish Highland Cow Taught Me About Hope!
6:25-6:30pm ET	Closing
6:30 pm ET	After Party with Optional Breakout Rooms and Meet the Candidates

### "Shining Your Light in the Darkness" -Dr. Dean Hendrickson

In this presentation, we will discuss how to let our light shine in the veterinary profession, both as a student/faculty member and as a Veterinarian. As Veterinarians we are often held in high regard by those around us. This gives us a great opportunity to shine the light of Christ to others.

### "CVM Stories from Senegal" - Drs. S, P, E and Their Families

3 Families who have been serving or are preparing to serve in Senegal, West Africa will share some joys and challenges of their ministry together and plans for the future.

## "Wellbeing from Regenerative Agriculture" - Dr. Rob Goodman

Soil Health to Soul Health: Dr. Goodman will present spiritual lessons from his experiences with regenerative agriculture. (\*This session has been submitted for 1 hour of RACE credit.)

### "What my Scottish Highland Cow Taught Me About Hope!" - Dr. Mary McDonald

Dr. McDonald noticed something unusual in her cow that led her to a greater understanding of Scripture. Mary will share how this lesson translates to the stress in our lives and profession, with Biblical insights to help each of us.



# **Speaker Bios**

### Dean Hendrickson, DVM

Dean Hendrickson grew up on a farm in Northern Montana, and received his DVM from Colorado State University in 1988, and completed an Equine Internship at the University of Sydney Australia in 1989. He then completed a Large Animal Surgery Residency at Cornell University in 1992. He spent 3 years as a faculty member at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has spent the last 27 years at Colorado State University, first as an equine surgeon, then Hospital Director for 5 years and Associate Dean for 2 years and has been back doing surgery since July 2014. Clinically, his interests are in Equine Wound Care, and Minimally Invasive Surgery. Personally, he has been married to his wife Amy for 37 years, and has three children; Andrew (34 and Married to Haley and has a 8 year-old son Malachi and 5 year-old son Ezekiel), Graham (33 and Married to Nikki and has a 2 year old

### **Bliss Steele**

Bliss Steele lives in Lancaster SC with his wife, Jessica, their son and seven dogs. Bliss has worked with teenagers and adults for nearly three decades in both the church and corporate world. Bliss is currently the Corporate Chaplain for Nutramax Laboratories in Lancaster, SC serving their nearly 800 employees. Bliss uses his unique experiences from growing up on the mission field traveling the world, to serving in the local church, along with his years as a dog trainer to combine biblical truths and practical application showing what it means to be in an obedient and dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.

### Rob Goodman, DVMs

The Rev. Dr. Rob Goodman is an Anglican priest and spiritual director in San Antonio, Texas. He writes, teaches, and offers spiritual direction through Horizons, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for people of all ages to encounter God's transforming power through Creation, Community and Contemplation. Rob is also the Canon for Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction for the Anglican Diocese of the West. Email: robgood-man93@gmail.com

### Mary McDonald, DVM

Dr. McDonald worked as a large animal ambulatory vet in Virginia until moving to Bolivia, South America to serve with Christian Veterinary Mission. While there, she trained rural animal health care workers and taught at the vet school in Santa Cruz. She currently does revolving goat trainings and distributions in East Africa. Yearly she teaches F.A.R.M. (Farm Animal Refresher for Missions) course on her farm in Virginia where she teaches vets, techs, and students how to share their faith cross culturally, and offers hands on practice with horses, cattle, poultry, swine,

