

21st Annual



2026 Humanitarian Health Conference



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INMED Student, Claire Gahm in Ethiopia

Welcome!

One-half of the world's population lives on less than five dollars per day. These individuals are frequently forgotten, sick, poor, undereducated, minorities, disabled, elderly, refugees, and victims of war and disaster. Healthcare professionals and students are often highly motivated to serve. However, many feel ill prepared in the face of cross-cultural barriers, unfamiliar diseases and limited resources.

We gather at the 21st annual Humanitarian Health Conference to respond to these who are forgotten and to empower healthcare professionals and students with skills to render encouragement and superb care.

At this event, Equip yourself with skills to better serve. Connect with benevolent colleagues and organizations. Then, create a plan to Go and serve humankind.



Nicholas Comninellis

Nicholas Comninellis, MD, MPH, DIMPH
President, Institute for International Medicine



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Continuing Education

Certificate of Completion

A certificate of completion is provided to all participants upon request via the activity evaluation form. It is the responsibility of the individual to submit their certificate of completion and supporting documentation (if applicable) to their required oversight board for credit.

Accreditation Statement:

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Institute for International Medicine is accredited by the Kentucky Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Institute for International Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Other Healthcare Professionals

A certificate of completion indicating the number of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™] will be issued for completing this course. Certificates may be submitted to applicable state boards for recognition.

Conference Evaluation and Credit Claim Form

To receive a certificate of completion or to claim CME credit, attendees must complete the conference evaluation and credit claim form by June 30, 2026. The link to the credit claim form will be emailed to each attendee by Friday, May 29, 2026.

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback to speakers and conference planners. Completing the evaluation form helps us plan future conferences.

2026 Humanitarian Health Conference Schedule

E Q U I P • C O N N E C T • G O

Thursday, May 28, 2026

4:00 - 5:00 pm - Attendee Registration & Visit Exhibits & Posters (Lobby/Exhibit Hall)

5:00 - 5:10 pm - Conference Introduction and Welcome - Nicholas Comninellis, MD (Rm. 250)

5:10 - 5:40 pm - Plenary Session 1 "Go" by Nicholas Comninellis, MD (Rm. 250)

5:40 - 5:50 pm - INMED Awards & MIH Graduation (Rm. 250)

5:50 - 6:40 pm - Dinner, Visit Exhibits & Posters (Lobby/Exhibit Hall)

6:50 - 7:30 pm - Breakout Session 1

- Rm. 102 **Providing Primary Care in a Conflict Zone** (Richard Randolph, MD) - Community Health Track
- Rm. 203 **Malaria: Daunting Challenges with Hopeful Horizons** (Duane Spaulding, MD) - Patient Care Track
- Rm. 204 **Work as Worship** (Bill Fuller & Grant Ryder) - Career Development Track*

7:40 - 8:20 pm - Breakout Session 2

- Rm. 102 **Adolescent Well-being in Lower-Middle-Income Countries** (Kainey Varughese, MBBS, MIH) - C.H. Track
- Rm. 203 **Dengue Fever: The Potential Lull Before the Storm** (Duane Spaulding, MD) - Patient Care Track
- Rm. 204 **Neonatal Emergencies** (Tim Myrick, MD) - Patient Care Track

Friday, May 29, 2026

7:30 - 8:20 am - Breakfast, Registration & Visit Exhibits/Posters (Lobby/Exhibit Hall)

8:30 - 9:00 am - Plenary Session 2 "Connect" by Monica Rojas, MD (Rm. 250)

9:00 - 9:10 am - Who is INMED? (Rm. 250)

9:20 - 10:00 am - Breakout Session 3

- Rm. 102 **Environmental Impacts of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine** (Richard Randolph, MD) - C.H. Track
- Rm. 203 **Defining Evidence-based Care in Global Health** (Greg Seager, RN) - Patient Care Track
- Rm. 204 **Leaning into Limitations: Adaptive Learning** (Kris Prenger, MD) - Career Development Track

10:10 - 10:50 am - Breakout Session 4

- Rm. 102 **Preparing Yourself for Global Health Work** (Calvin Wilson, MD) - Career Development Track
- Rm. 202 **Care Beyond Cure** (Ashish Abraham Thankachan, MD) - Patient Care Track
- Rm. 203 **To Survive and Thrive: A Model First 1,000 Days** (Vicki Penwell, CPM) - Patient Care Track
- Rm. 204 **Lessons from the Lion Story: Learning to Help People Help Themselves** (Greg Seager, RN) - C.D.T.

10:50 - 11:05 am - Visit Exhibits and Posters (Lobby/Exhibit Hall)

11:05 - 11:45 am - Breakout Session 5

- Rm. 102 **Including Your Family in Global Medicine** (Calvin Wilson, MD) - Career Development Track
- Rm. 202 **Community Health - The Epicenter of Transformation** (Ashish Abraham Thankachan, MD) - C.H.T.
- Rm. 203 **The Role of Bioethics in Global Medical Education** (Kainey Varughese, MBBS, MIH) - P.C. Track
- Rm. 204 **Healthcare Professional Wellness in Low-Resource Settings** (Mark Wardle, DO) - C.D. Track

11:55 am - 12:35 pm - Breakout Session 6

- Rm. 102 **Power of Train the Trainer Model in Global Health** (Vicki Penwell, CPM) - Community Health Track
- Rm. 203 **Vaccine Preventable Diseases** (Diane Petrie, FNP-BC) - Patient Care Track
- Rm. 204 **Learning the Language of our Patients** (Mark Wardle, DO) - Career Development Track

12:35 - 1:25 pm - Lunch & Visit Exhibits/Posters (Lobby/Exhibit Hall)

>>1:20 pm - Student Scholarship Photo (Meet in lobby by escalators)

1:35 - 3:05 pm - Breakout Session 7 (Hands-On Skills)

- Rm. 102 **Clinic-in-a-Backpack: Pop-Up Health Stations** (Monica Rojas, MD) - Hands On Skills
- Room 203 **Vanquishing Vessels: How to Master Vascular Access** (Nicholas Maxwell, MD) - Hands On Skills
- Rm. 204 **Ultrasound in Dyspnea** (Dale Agner, MD) - Hands On Skills

3:05 - 3:25 pm - Visit Exhibits and Posters (Lobby/Exhibit Hall)

3:25 - 4:55 pm - Breakout Session 8 (Hands-On Skills)

- Rm. 102 **Anaphylaxis & Drug Challenges in Low-Resource Settings** (Michelle Kwok, MD) - Hands On Skills
- Rm. 203 **Triumphing at Triage** (Nicholas Maxwell, MD) - Hands On Skills
- Rm. 204 **Handheld Office Pulmonary Function Testing** (Dale Agner, MD) - Hands On Skills

5:05 - 5:15 pm - Poster Awards *Room 250)

5:15 - 5:45 pm - Plenary Session 3 "Equip" by Michelle Kwok, MD (Room 250)

5:45 pm - Conclusion of Conference

*Faith-based session.
No CME provided.

About INMED



Equipping Healthcare Professionals and Students to Serve the Forgotten.

The Institute for International Medicine (INMED) exists to equip healthcare professionals & students with the unique skills necessary to effectively serve the world's most forgotten people. INMED is a graduate school offering didactic instruction in the full range of global health topics via online, hybrid, and in-classroom courses, as well as through conferences. We also complement such instruction with supervised service-learning experiences for healthcare students and professionals at INMED Training Sites in low-resource countries.

INMED learners can earn a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Master's Degree in International Health.

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- MIH Student

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- MIH Student



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MIH Graduate, Susan Aycock, MD, MIH



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- [Healthcare for Marginalized Americans](#)
- [Self-Care for Health Professionals](#)
- [International Healthcare Ethics](#)



Ashley Ayers in Ghana

Five Academic Terms to Choose From:

- Early Fall Term
- Late Fall Term
- Winter Term
- Spring Term
- Summer Term



View the **Academic Calendar** for the schedule of courses <https://www.inmed.us/academic-calendar/>



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INMED offers supervised, international service-learning experiences (rotations) through our Graduate Diploma Programs. The INMED Graduate Diploma equips healthcare professionals who are particularly interested in serving low-resource and cross-cultural communities. The program includes a required 8-week preparatory course and a 4-week rotation at an INMED International Service-Learning Site.



Isaac Billings in Uganda

Diploma Tracks to Choose From...

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For physicians, residents, med students, PAs, Pharmacists, and Dentists.

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For nurses, advanced practice nurses, and nursing students

International Public Health (DIPH)

For all healthcare professionals and healthcare profession students, especially community development, and international relations

Explore Our International Sites

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- Apply 6 - 12 months in advance of travel dates.

For a full description of the program and to apply, visit

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Next Year, Come Early for a Pre-Conference Course...

INMED's hands-on, **evidence-based** trainings are designed specifically for **low-resource** and **cross-cultural** humanitarian settings – giving you **practical skills** you can immediately apply and even teach to others in the field.

Why Add a Pre-Conference Course?

- Build valuable new competencies.
- Maximize your trip - if you're planning on coming to the HHC, there's no extra travel needed.
- Hands-on learning - learn practical skills, all tailored to low-resource settings.
- Transferable impact - some courses prepare you as a trainer so you can share these life-saving techniques with others.

INMED Hands On Skills Courses

- **Hands-On Skills for Low Resource Healthcare** - Wound care, suturing, trauma immobilization, complicated obstetrics, newborn resuscitation, tropical fever evaluation, and community health surveys.
- **Helping Mothers Survive (Master Trainer)** - Evidence-based obstetric care: managing bleeding, pre-eclampsia, preterm birth, and prolonged labor.
- **Ultrasound for Primary Care** - Point-of-care ultrasound for heart, lung, abdomen, DVT, eFAST, and more in resource-limited settings.
- **Essential Newborn Care 1 (Helping Babies Breathe - Master Trainer)** - Neonatal resuscitation and risk mitigation through simulation.
- **Obstetrics Ultrasound** - Early pregnancy confirmation, third-trimester assessment (the 6 Ps), and gynecological pathology. Requires basic obstetrics skills/experience.
- **Essential Newborn Care 2** - Essential care for every newborn, danger signs, feeding small babies, and parent education.

INMED Professional Qualification Course are a hybrid experience that combine online preparation followed by a one-day, in-classroom event to master hands-on skills and assess achievements.



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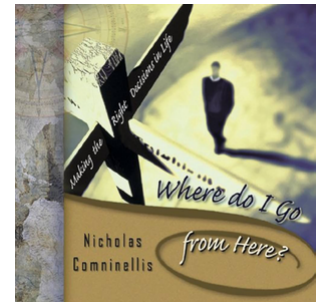
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8:15 pm - 8:40 pm

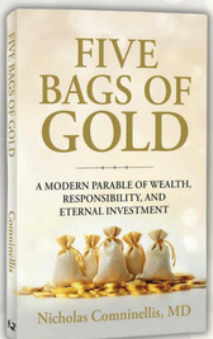


Friday Hours


7:30 am - 8:30 am
10:45 am - 11:05 am
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
3:05 pm - 3:25 pm
5:45 pm - 6:15 pm



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Emmanuel Hospital Association

Floating Doctors

Health Education Program for Developing Communities

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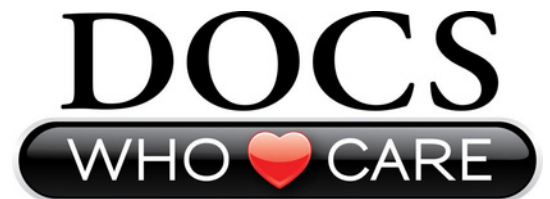
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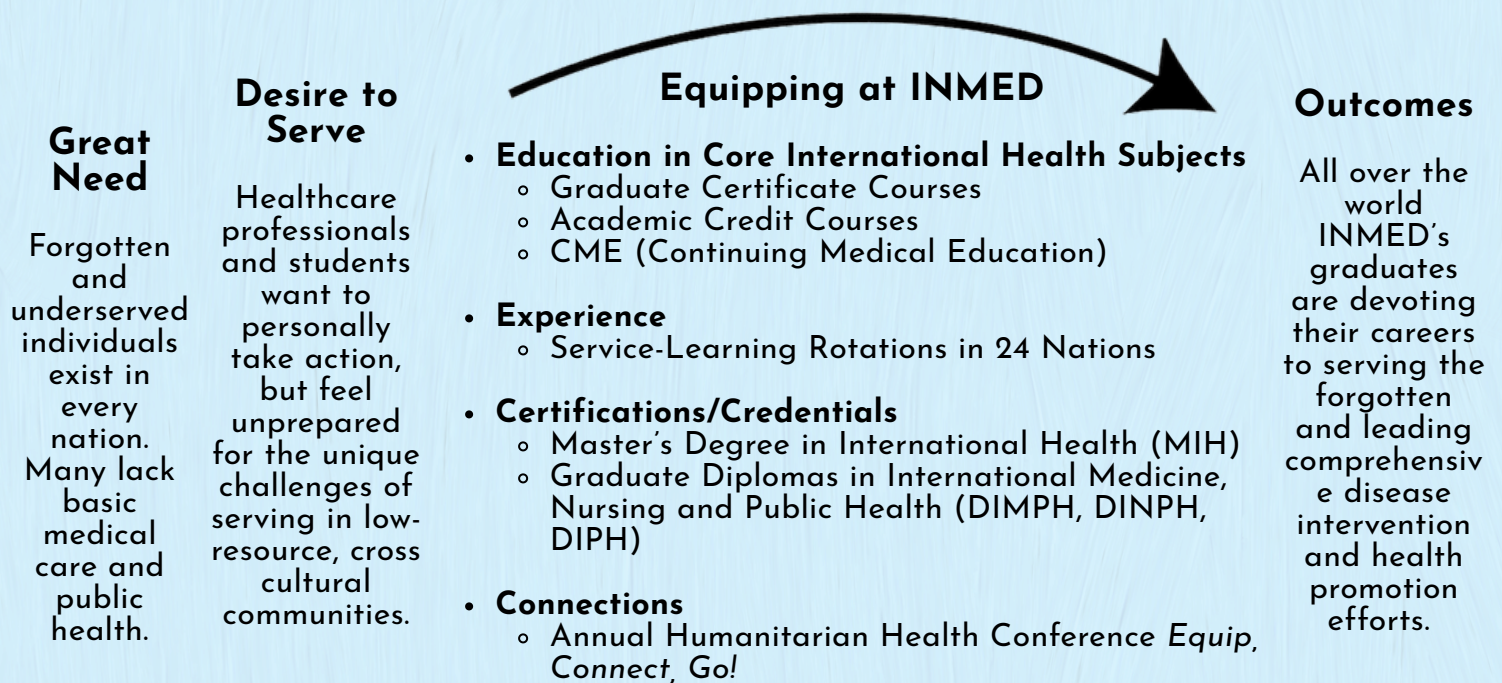


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INMED's Mission is to Equip Healthcare Professionals and Students to Serve the Forgotten



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Medical Missions Foundation

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Mission Doctors Association

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Treasure= a thing of great value

Review by *Tafra Randa* 7/5/25

5 Bags of Gold is written with so much compassion and with an easy understanding of how to implement and put it into action in our daily lives. What we treasure bears witness to our values, our priorities and our faith. You are what you love and what we love guides our actions. (Beautifully Stated) This book explains how earthly things such as possessions, position, pleasure, projects and people can easily distract us from the ultimate end game goal. It brings to light our treasures in this life and how we react to the blessings they provide. Clearly directing us to see Christ in people, reinforcing the biblical fact that true love for God is demonstrated through the love of others.

I tell the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. -Matthew 25:32-40 This book enlightens us to see spiritual gifts at work in ourselves and through the stories shared inside the book. The inner being of each person is our treasure chest. It guards and guides how we handle each treasure entrusted to us. How will you handle your treasure upon this Earth?

Awards

Professionals who serve forgotten people inspire their colleagues toward similar service. INMED is pleased to celebrate this tradition by announcing the recipients of the 2026 INMED Awards.

Comninellis Award for Compassionate Service to Humanity

This award was established by the INMED Board of Directors to recognize people who demonstrate care and concern for those in need, who give selflessly of their time and resources, and who inspire others to take similar action.



Kris Prenger

Kris Prenger began serving in rural South Asia in 1997, where she continued for 30 years. Throughout that time, Dr. Prenger's primary work was training healthcare workers who serve in villages with neighborhood groups of rural women. Her passion has been increasing their skill surrounding women's health, including obstetrics. She taught 'Participatory Action Research', an approach that helps the women themselves to be leaders seeking causes and ways forward to action to bring about lasting transformative change. After relocating to the US, Dr. Prenger's today serves as Midwest Area Coordinator for InterserveUSA.

INMED International Medicine Award

This award recognizes those who have made a significant contribution to health in developing nations and communities. Award recipients have demonstrated uncommon dedication and endurance in pursuit of this cause.



Michelle Kwok

Michelle Kwok is an allergist and immunologist practicing in Montréal, Canada. Dr. Kwok is passionate about medical outreach to resource-poor areas both locally and internationally. She co-founded *Connexion Nordique*, a quality improvement initiative serving indigenous peoples of northern Québec. These residents are confronted with formidable barriers to healthcare, including economic, geographic, social, and cultural challenges. The existing healthcare model is both financially burdensome and culturally ineffective, compelling patients to travel to the South for medical care. This not only strains resources but also causes emotional distress for Inuit patients, who often face isolation and detachment when treated away from their communities. *Connexion Nordique* provides allergy care to indigenous peoples through virtual consultation, education, and in-person care on location in northern Québec.

Awards

INMED National Healthcare Service Award

Many health care professionals within their own nations are sacrificing personal comfort to care for their neglected neighbors. The award recipients are role models in providing health care for their own people.



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INMED Cross-Cultural Healthcare Service Award

This award recognizes one who demonstrates care and concern for culturally diverse communities and who gives selflessly of time and resources for their benefit.



Bill Fuller

Bill Fuller is the Placement Coordinator and Recruiter for Crossworld, a global mission agency empowering churches to be communities who launch professional to works in the fields of healthcare, education, biblical literacy, and economic development. Bill spent 6 formative months serving in Ethiopia, followed by 15 years in business, and over 35 years casting a vision among churches in the US and overseas. "My objective," says Bill, "is to leverage my persuasion abilities, coaching skills, and experiences to mobilize churches to be all-professions sending communities so we can bring God's love to life in the world's least reached marketplaces."

Awards

INMED International Healthcare Preceptor Award

This award recognizes individuals who have made an important impact in the training of the next generation of international healthcare volunteers. Through their instruction and their role modeling, award recipients express the value of everyone.



Vicki Penwell

Vicki Penwell and her late husband Scott over 40 years ago founded the ministry that became Mercy in Action. This organization is responsible for the safe delivery of more than 15,500 babies in the Philippines since 1991, at no cost to the parents, and with outcomes 4 times better than the Philippines national average. Vicki is a licensed midwife, health educator, missionary, and humanitarian assistance and disaster response organizer. Today, Vicki presently divides her time between the Mercy in Action birthing home in the Philippines and the United States, where she teaches for Mercy in Action's College of Midwifery, 4-year Bachelor of Science midwifery college accredited in the USA. In recent years, Vicki created a post-graduate Diploma in International Midwifery & Maternal/Child Health that has scholars in dozens of countries on four continents.

INMED Humanitarian Crisis Response Award

This award recognizes individuals and organizations who provide exemplary disaster response services for highly vulnerable communities. In doing so, they accentuate the value of life and provide an exemplary model for us all.



Nicholas Maxwell

Dr. Maxwell is a chief resident physician in emergency medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, as well as Director of US Partnerships for the Friends of Joseph Ukpo Hospitals and Research Institutes in Nigeria. He got his start in healthcare through EMT training in high school and then earned his B.S. in Emergency Medical Services at Creighton University. Afterwards, he worked as a paramedic before going on to medical school at the University of Rochester in New York. Along the way, he taught prehospital emergency care in the Dominican Republic and Nigeria. Today Dr. Maxwell also serves as Medical Education Coordinator for Techies Without Borders, bringing together IT professionals to harness their skills to benefit everyone in the world through information technology.

Speakers

It is with great honor and gratitude that we introduce our distinguished speakers at the 2026 Humanitarian Health Conference. Each speaker brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, and a profound commitment to humanitarian service. Their work has not only advanced global health but also continues to inspire others to go and do likewise. Download Speaker presentations and handouts at <https://www.inmed.us/hhc/resources/>



Dale Agner, MD

Dr. Agner has served for over 30 years in rural and underserved areas, often with limited resources and on four different continents. This includes serving in governmental and non-governmental faith-based capacities. He served as an Air Force physician for 25 years, including time in Turkey, the Middle East, Africa and as the Chief of Clinical Quality and Family Medicine consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General. Additional experience includes over 10 years of academic teaching, and a history of being able to coordinate medical services between governmental and private organizations. The past six years has seen the development of an urban-underserved gospel-rescue mission free clinic that is able to coordinate follow-on care with The Nebraska Medical Center, in Omaha, Nebraska.



Nicholas Comninellis, MD, MPH, DIMPH

Nicholas Comninellis is President and Professor of INMED, the Institute for International Medicine. He is also part-time faculty at Research Medical Center Family Medicine Residency. Over a two-year period Dr. Comninellis served inner-city citizens at Shanghai Charity Hospital. Over another two years, he led a healthcare ministry in the war-besieged nation of Angola in southern Africa. Dr. Comninellis next served for six years in the Kansas City public hospital before launching INMED in 2003.

He graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine and Saint Louis University School of Public Health and was a family medicine resident at John Peter Smith Hospital. Dr. Comninellis also earned a professional diploma in tropical medicine from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and became board certified in both public health and family medicine. Among his authored books are *Shanghai Doctor*, *Where Do I Go From Here*, and *INMED International Medicine & Public Health*. Dr. Comninellis is a classical guitarist and faculty co-advisor for UMKC Cru. He was recognized as the 2009 United Nations Association of the United States World Citizen and the 2015 University of Missouri-Kansas City Alumni of the Year.

Speakers



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Speakers



Timothy Myrick, MD

Dr. Timothy Myrick lived and served for two decades with his family in the Muslim world, including sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, the Middle East, and the Horn of Africa - including INMED Training Sites Kanad Hospital and Kijabe Hospital. His wife, Lori, has served as a labor and delivery nurse alongside him. While in Kenya, they focused on the needs of Somali refugees. Tim communicates fluently in Arabic and French, has taught medical school in northern Somalia, and is currently teaching family medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.



Vicki Penwell, CPM

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Diane Petrie, APRN

Diane Petrie received her BSN from Cedarville University and MSN from The University of Central Missouri. She has worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner at Children's Mercy Kansas City for the past 10 years including 6 years in the Infectious Diseases Clinic treating patients living with HIV. She is a graduate of the MATEC HIV Clinician Scholars Program which she completed while working in HIV Primary Care at the KC CARE Health Center in Kansas City. She is certified in HIV Medicine through the American Academy of HIV Medicine. She has special interests in HIV, travel medicine, global health, refugee care, and care of adolescent sexually transmitted infections. She lives in Raymore, Missouri with her husband of 15 years and her 3 young kids.



Kris Prenger, MD

Dr. Kris Prenger has nearly 30 years' experience serving the underserved. She graduated from The Ohio State University, completed a Family Medicine residency in Wilmington, DE, then worked from 1991-1996 on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Shiprock, NM. After Bible training, she began work in rural South Asia in 1997. She worked primarily in community health and development, with limited clinical work in Ob-Gyn (20+ years), then Med-Peds. After relocating to the US, she now serves as Midwest Area Coordinator for InterserveUSA. She received an MPH from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and completed an MA in Intercultural Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Speakers



Richard Randolph, MD

Dr. Randolph is the Senior Chief Medical Officer for Heart to Heart International, based in Lenexa, KS. Dr. Randolph provides technical direction and clinical supervision for medical operations for the organization. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and University of Kansas Medical School. He retired as a U.S. Army Colonel after serving two tours in Iraq and spending the past two decades providing primary care, public health and disaster response in the United States, the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa and the Philippines. Dr. Randolph earned a graduate certificate in public health in the developing world and served as the Chief Medical Officer for HHI's Ebola Treatment Unit in Liberia.



Monica Rojas, MD

Dr. Rojas has more than 20 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations in at-risk communities in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Mexico helping those most in need. She spent two years developing a free clinic in Costa Rica, coordinating and implementing Health Fairs for underdeveloped communities. Dr. Rojas currently serves as the Director of International Medicine and Cultural Education at ARCOM.



Grant Ryder

Grant is the Director of Church Mobilization at Crossworld, a missions organization that has over 300 missionaries in 35 countries around the world, primarily among the least reached people groups. Grant is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Denver Seminary and has been involved in church planting and mobilization of people in all professions to use their gifts and opportunities to make disciples for Christ. Grant and his wife, Leah, have three daughters and live in Kansas City.

Speakers



Greg Seager, RN

Greg Seager is a Registered Nurse with an extensive background in Critical Care/ Emergency nursing and nursing management. He and his wife Candi are the founders of The Christian Health Service Corps and are presently serving as its managing directors. From 2004 to 2006 they served as managers of Mercy Ships Strategic Health Initiatives, the department they designed, monitored, and evaluated Mercy Ships community health initiatives. Prior to serving with Mercy Ships they were medical mission team coordinators for a Miami based mission organization, leading six to eight medical mission teams per year for several years. They have authored one booklet on medical missions entitled "Operating Responsible Short-Term Healthcare Missions" Greg and Candi live in San Antonio TX with their daughter Corinne. They have two adult daughters Amanda who lives in San Antonio and Stephanie who lives in Ft Lauderdale.



Duane Spalding, MD

Dr. Spaulding was educated in Michigan and Denver. After biomedical research at NIH and Harvard, he practiced Internal Medicine in Colorado Springs for 26 years initially in private practice and later as co-founder, CEO, and clinician with the first independent Hospitalist program in Colorado. After opting for early retirement, Dr. Spaulding was the medical director for Heart to Heart International-Haiti for 12 years overseeing 10 to 21 mobile clinics, training the Haitian medical staff, and supervising the deployment of many hundreds of expat medical volunteers. He has also trained global first responders about tropical diseases for the past seven years. Currently, Dr. Spaulding prepares medical teams on behalf of Global Care Force and Project C.U.R.E. (both have offices in the Kansas City area) prior to their deployments across five continents. In addition, he continues to enjoy opportunities to consult and teach in a dozen countries on the African continent.



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Speakers



Kainey Varughese, MBBS, MIH

Kainey Varughese, has experience in working in LMICs, and is currently working on implementing community development programs in India.



Mark Wardle, DO

Dr. Wardle is an osteopathic family medicine physician, the Vice-Chair of Primary Care at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Director of both Global Medicine and Medical Spanish on the Utah campus. Dr. Wardle has completed the course work for the Master's Degree in International Health (MIH) through INMED and is slated to graduate in December 2022. He has experience working on and leading global health trips to many countries in Latin America, as well as, Kenya, and loves teaching medical students. Dr. Wardle speak Spanish proficiently, basic conversational Italian, and is now working on French.



Calvin Wilson, MD

Dr. Wilson has been involved in global community and family medicine development projects for over 20 years. He developed the first university-affiliated family medicine program in Ecuador, while at the same time directing a community health development project in northern Ecuador. He served as training advisor in a USAID project to upgrade the primary health care system in Jordan and initiated the training of the first PHC trainers in post-war Iraq. He was the founding director of the University of Colorado Hospital Family Medicine residency program and consulted with the University of Rwanda in the post-genocide re-development of several postgraduate medical residency programs. He has received several awards in global health, including the STFM Smilkstein Award in International Health, the AAFP Humanitarian of the Year, the WONCA Global Family Doctor of the Month, and the INMED International Healthcare Preceptor of the Year.

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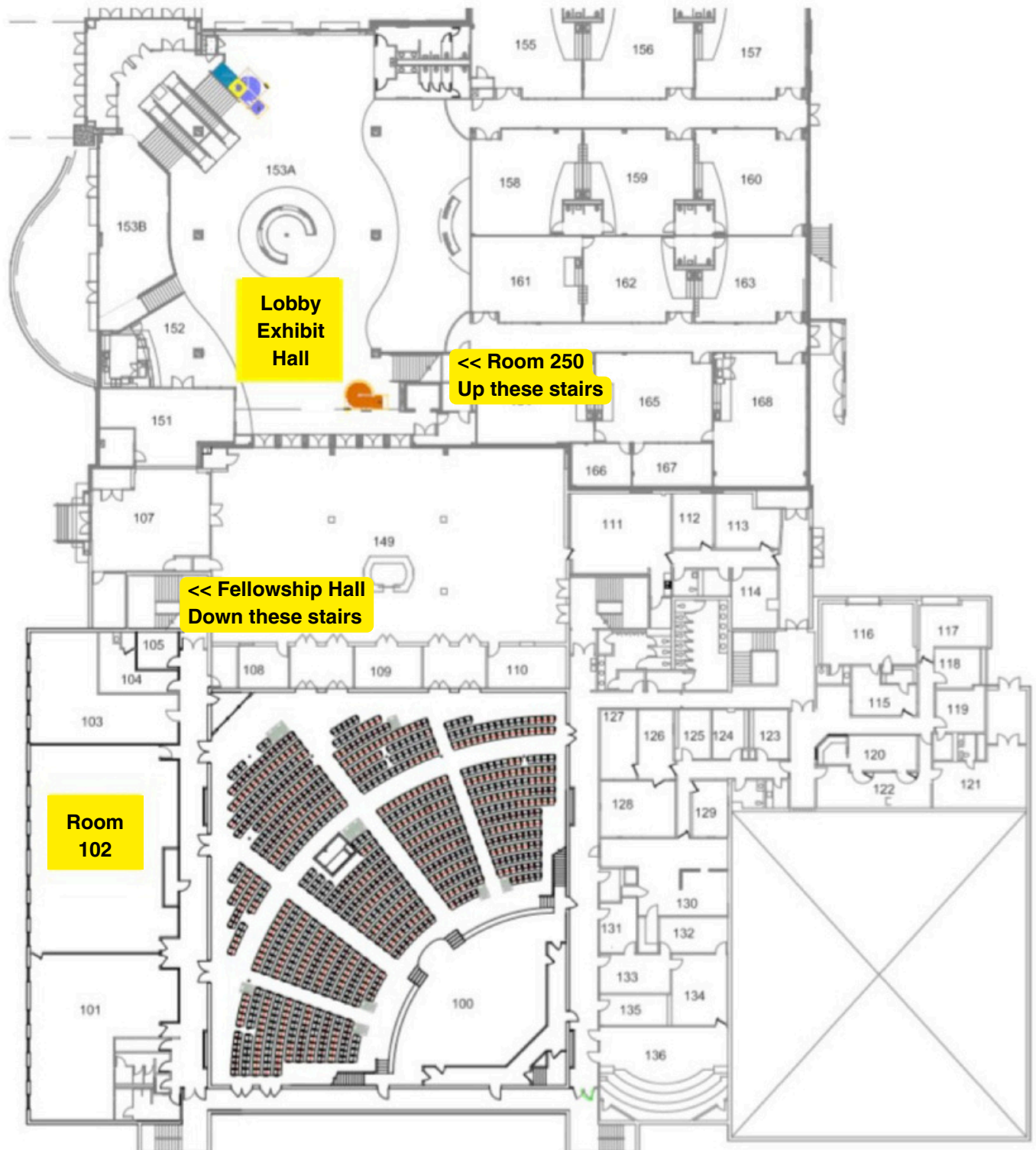
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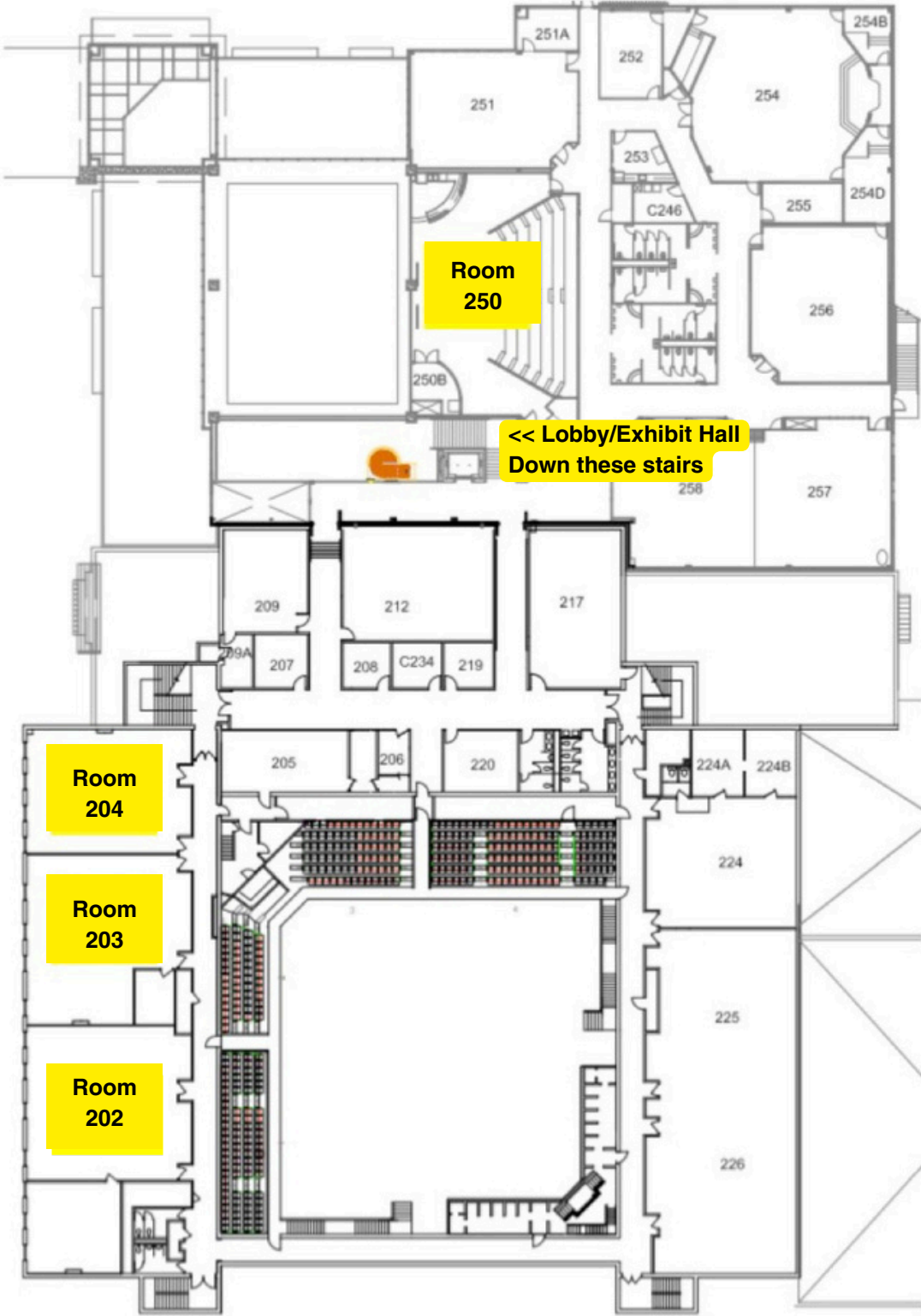
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