

REMINISCING CAMP WEED AND THE BISHOP'S INSTITUTE

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College students with retreat speaker Carl McColman

Some other notable Camp Weed and Cervený Conference Center based Bishop's Institute retreats and conferences includes *'Wisdom Calling: A Conference on Local Formation'* sponsored jointly by the Bishop's Institute and *The Living Church*. This 2018 conference was led by a panel of bishops, seminary deans and others to discuss the growth of locally trained candidates for ordination in dioceses across the Church. The whole landscape and ratio of seminary to locally trained clergy has changed dramatically over less than a decade since then. There was also a very fine 'College for Preachers' four-day residential conference for clergy workshops in preaching mentored by notable preachers brought together by the Rev. Joe Gibbes who was conference dean.

Since 2016 a 'Deacons School' to train vocational deacons was formed under the aegis of the Bishop's Institute by the then Archdeacon Jeanie Beyer and the Rev. Deacon Marsha Holmes and led by them regularly at Camp Weed. In 2017 locally trained candidates for the priesthood began to receive the first stage of their academic training by participating in the Deacons School.



A yoga and Christian contemplative prayer retreat

One of all time most popular series of events sponsored by the Bishop's Institute at Camp Weed combines yoga and Christian contemplative prayer retreats. The first one was held in 2017 by Michelle Carew-Besette, a Roman Catholic retreat leader and subsequently by Megan Cochran from St John's Cathedral with Dean Kate Carroll Moorehead and Allison DeFoor as chaplains.



2025 Wardens and Vestry Retreat

The restrictions on gathering in person during the pandemic greatly affected the planning of Bishop's Institute workshops and conferences at Camp Weed but our activities centered there have been steadily returning into place. Most recently a very effective Saturday workshop for Wardens and Vestry was sponsored at Camp Weed by the Bishop's Institute with Bishop Scott Benhase and Lauri SoJourney, Director of Camp Weed.