

181st Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida

Resolution 2024-08

Submitted by: The Resolutions Committee

Title: Honoring 100 Years of Service for Camp Weed and Establishing Camp Weed Sunday

Whereas, Camp Weed has served the Episcopal Diocese of Florida for 100 years at seven different locations, providing a sacred space for worship, retreat, education, and fellowship;

Whereas, Camp Weed has played a significant role in the spiritual formation of countless individuals, from youth attending summer camps to adults participating in retreats, conferences, and other diocesan events;

Whereas, Camp Weed has consistently fostered Christian community, offering a place where people of all ages can experience God's creation, deepen their faith, and build lasting relationships;

Whereas, Camp Weed's ministry has been an integral part of the Diocese of Florida, contributing to the mission of the Church by nurturing the spiritual lives of its members and reaching out to the wider community;

Whereas, the Diocese of Florida recognizes the importance of continuing to support and sustain Camp Weed's ministry as it moves into its second century of service;

Whereas, the additions of Mandi's Chapel, the Cerveny Conference Center and the Snell/McCarty Youth Pavilion further promoted the use of Christian space for the use of diocesan and community groups.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of Florida establishes "**Camp Weed Sunday**" to be observed annually on the **first Sunday of May**;

Be it further resolved, that "Camp Weed Sunday" will include opportunities for all parishes within the Diocese of Florida to participate in the following ways:

- **Presentations**: Parishes are encouraged to invite staff and volunteer representatives from Camp Weed to share stories, updates, and the ongoing impact of its ministry.

- **Special Collect:** A special Collect will be offered during the services, highlighting the history and mission of Camp Weed.
- **Donations:** Parishes are invited to take up a special collection to support Camp Weed's ministry, ensuring that this vital resource continues to thrive and serve future generations. Donations may be designated for summer camp and youth program scholarships, infrastructure, and/or general operating expenses.

Be it further resolved, that the Diocese of Florida will provide resources and support to assist parishes in observing Camp Weed Sunday, including materials for presentations, liturgical resources for the Collect, and guidance for promoting the special collection.

Be it further resolved, that the Diocese of Florida will continue to celebrate and uphold the ministry of Camp Weed, recognizing its invaluable contribution to the spiritual life of the diocese and its members.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be provided to all parishes and missions within the Diocese of Florida.