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Press Release

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### **Silver Bay Institute Hosts Pilot Workshop on Inclusion and Faith**

**Silver Bay, NY: The Silver Bay Institute, a division of** Silver Bay YMCA hosted its first workshop October 7 – October 9, 2022, on Inclusion and Faith.

This workshop provides tools to help individuals working in faith-based endeavors, who are also working to understand how to include others of different race, gender, orientation, or any other dimension of diversity in their work.

“When I applied to be the CEO of Silver Bay YMCA, I had this concept of creating an institute program, hosted at Silver Bay YMCA that would tackle tough topics in a way that created understanding through discussion,” said Peter R. Doliber, CEO Silver Bay. Adding, “After forming a task force internally, we settled on Inclusion and Faith as the first workshop. Over 40 people applied to take part in this special weekend.”

Speakers came to Silver Bay YMCA from across the country to share their insights and stories with participants. One participant reached out to Doliber after the weekend stating, “This was an amazing, impacting weekend full of synergy!” Adding, “I’m sure we are all going to put what we learn into motion.”

The goal of the institute is not only to unlock doors for participants but to give them tools to take with them as they travel back to their communities and as they share stories with the ones they love.

Silver Bay plans to continue the Institute program with more workshops in 2023. If you’re interested in joining an upcoming workshop, join Silver Bay’s email list by visiting their website ([www.silverbay.org](http://www.silverbay.org)).

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**Note to the Editor:**

Silver Bay YMCA was founded in 1902 and is located in Silver Bay, NY, just minutes south of Hague, NY. Its 700-acre campus along one mile of Lake George shoreline offers a breadth of programs for all ages. Silver Bay YMCA presently employs 52 full-time staff members with a seasonal staff of 200. Silver Bay YMCA is consistently ranked one of the top ten family reunion sites in the country and is on the National Register of Historic Places with the U.S. Department of the Interior. As a mission-based charity, Silver Bay YMCA offers outreach programs in addition to its core activities as a premier conference and family retreat center. Those activities include:

- Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center in Ticonderoga (Free access for local teens)
- Open Pathways (Access to Silver Bay YMCA for all)
- Youth and Government Program (covering Queensbury to Ticonderoga)
- Cancer Respite Program (Free respite for those fighting or recovering from cancer)
- Military R and R Program (Free getaway for recently deployed veterans and their families)

Brookside Trinity Ministry (Free respite and sabbatical getaways for clergy)  
Vacations Made Possible (Free getaways for local underprivileged families)  
Silver Bay's Annual Community e-Waste day collects over 3,000 lbs. of unwanted electronics for recycling.

**Our MISSION:** To foster relationships, strengthen communities and nurture spirit, mind and body for all.

**Our IMPACT:** Because of Silver Bay YMCA, connections between people and family are stronger. People are more connected, respectful and caring. They have the confidence to develop to their full potential and to positively impact the communities in which they work and live. As a result, communities are more dynamic, inclusive and diverse. As stewards of Lake George, we inspire people to be stewards of the environment while they are visiting our magnificent campus and in their home communities.

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