Welcome to the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

GENERAL - Since 1993, we have been hosting conferences, retreats, and gathers for churches, schools, and businesses. Each year we host over 10,000 people for youth events such as Happening and Rally and other events such as Cursillo, Recovery retreats, Silent retreats, and clergy functions know that many of you have spent time at the center, some more than others. We are happy that you have come to see us and spend time with us.

DISC GOLF COURSE - Now here's something you may not know ... way back in 2018, we installed a Disc Golf course, (like Frisbee golf but not). Since then we have had players come from all around the country to play this course. If Disc Golf is your sport, this course is a MUST SEE.

YEARS 2020 & 2021 - This has probably been the most interesting year of my 16 yr tenor at the Center. It has been busy and interesting! With Covid threats and Hurricane Ida, we have managed to stay open!

TEDDY - Last summer, God sent us an angel. This cute little guy showed up, skinny as can be and afraid of everyone. We fell in love with him and named him Teddy after Teddy Solomon! He is now our mascot. He brings another element of happiness to the Center.

TIM WYLLIE - This year, sadly, we lost one of our own. Our facilities supervisor, Tim Wyllie passed away in August. We miss him.

REBUILD 21 - I am happy to tell you we are working on a project called "Rebuild 21". This project is to raise money to renovate our lobby as well as update our guest rooms. For \$3200 a group/family can sponsor a room. This amount will go toward renovating a guest room, which will consist of new flooring, new beds, along with other updates and amenities. We only have 14 rooms left!

Our lobby is almost finished. It too will have new flooring, new paint, and <u>all</u> new furniture. We are only \$25,000 away from our goal of \$65,000! If you would like to be a part of this exciting project, consider a personal or Parrish donation. For more details, please see our website.

HURRICANE IDA - I cant stand here before you and not talk about Hurricane Ida. The Solomon Center found itself in Ida's direct path.

We sustained lots of damage. There were trees everywhere. We had to cut our way out of the driveway. Our stone entrance was damaged.

However, we know God was with us by the way the wind stopped just before toppling trees onto buildings. 3 trees threaten our beautiful Chapel. 2 trees were being held up by one smaller tree from landing on the residence.

The chain link fence is mangled beyond repair. Too many things to be listed.

However, despite the devastation, quite a number of you came to the center for lodging and respite. This is not the first time that we have been a part of the aftermath of a disaster. Hurricane Katrina brought people from the diocese to the center, which has once again happened after Ida.

We feel honored to know that you view us as your home away from home. THANK YOU

Through it all, the spirit and mission of the conf center continues to move forward. Exciting days lay ahead and we want you to be a part of it with us.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share with you all that has been happening at your conference center. Thank you to the Bishop and to the Convention Committee.