



Our Mission is to provide Hospitality in a Christian environment; to encourage our visitors to seek and find Spiritual Renewal and Education.

Diocesan Convention Report

2023

30th Anniversary Celebration – This year Solomon celebrated its 30th Anniversary with approximately 245 guests in attendance. A flatbed trailer was set up as a stage for the Master of Ceremonies, Bishop Shannon Duckworth. Guests brought blankets and portable chairs and set up along the esplanade. The event began at 10am with services starting at 11. A lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs was prepared by the Solomon Chefs. Tables and chairs were set up at the entrance to the lodge. While everyone enjoyed their meal and fellowship, beautiful music was provided by the “World Famous St Albans Ukulele Orchestra”. A bouncy house and obstacle course were available for kids and the young at heart. It was a wonderful day for our Diocese.

Internet Connection - For years the Solomon Center has been known as a place of poor internet speed and connection. Those days are finally over. Solomon now has internet via fiber optic service which means faster speed and reliability. During this project routers and access equipment have been updated as well. We are excited to be able to provide our guests with this amazing new service.

Debt to the Diocese – Like so many businesses during the pandemic, Solomon’s revenue decreased drastically. Solomon is a place to gather and as a nation we were told not to gather. We are happy to say business has returned. During this lean time, the Diocese stepped in to help. We are grateful for their assistance and are working hard to pay them back.

ECCC Financial Consultant Review – Last spring, Bishop Duckworth hired a consultant through Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers organization (ECCC). This consultant created a report on the status of Solomon’s financial health as well as facilities, guest services, etc. This report has proven to be a learning tool giving us ideas to move the Center into the future as well as confirmation that we are doing a wonderful job of maintaining our mission.

Strategic Planning – Solomon is creating a strategic plan to help with financial recovery as well as move our Center forward in this new business world. We began by using the research and information gathered by the ECCC Consultant. This same consultant spent some time at our Center with Board members and staff to help us create a detailed plan to propel us in a healthy new direction.

Executive Committee – This year, Bishop Duckworth created an Executive Committee for Solomon. This committee is designed to work with the Executive Director on important projects. Information can be gathered and researched prior to bringing to the Bishop’s attention. Time sensitive items can be discussed that may not be able to wait for Board meetings scheduled every other month. Our hope is to streamline the process on the many new activities.

Annual fund raiser – Loyal Donors of the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center may have noticed we moved our annual fund raiser, Solomon Center Sunday, from the fall to the spring. We will be sending you more information soon. To stay up to date on this annual event, please call our office or email us through our website.

HVAC Systems – We would like to send a huge heartfelt Thank You to Gary Solomon and the Solomon Family. Air conditioner units in our Chapel and Lodge stopped working and were beyond repair. The results are a task with a substantial price tag. Gary Solomon heard about our situation and very generously donated the funds to complete this project. We would like to express our gratitude for such a wonderful gesture.