

St. Columba Conference Center

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for He himself will say "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" Rule of St. Benedict

Hospitality is an important part of St. Columba and Christianity. Providing a hospitable setting where retreats can be held to further the spiritual growth of mankind is the goal of the staff and board of St. Columba. A safe, peaceful place to meditate, pray, learn, and refresh is what the center provides.

2006 and 2007 were years where many groups did not have their usual numbers in attendance, and many non-profit groups could not hold retreats due to funding losses. Almost all organizations and churches of all denominations that we service are finding funds are limited. Expenses were high and revenues were below normal. Rates had to be increased to fund the additional costs. Rates were not increased substantially to avoid losing groups to excessive cost.

Family church groups and men's groups are actually growing in attendance and frequency. Men's groups are growing in number and their length of stay has grown from one to two nights. Our non-Episcopal groups are still welcome and are necessary to generate revenue to maintain the center.

Many of our more profitable groups have been lost due to the inadequacy of the sleeping accommodations, meeting room size, and the limited available overnight accommodations. To attract those groups, we need to expand and develop our site, providing more sleeping rooms and a generally more up-to-date facility. These groups have larger numbers, extended stays, and a need for private rooms and larger meeting space.

St Columba is a place set apart to be and experience God's love and grace. A worship center set aside for prayer, study, and laughter; learning, playing, and resting; communing with other persons, nature, and God.