

CLAGGETT ROCKS!



In 1996, the Diocese adopted as one of its five strategic objectives the “*Renewal Claggett as a Vital Center for Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of Maryland.*” In the succeeding 11 years, well in excess of \$7,000,000 was spent pursuing that goal. We now stand at a major threshold. Water and sewer have been extended to all of the buildings on campus, a new pool and bathhouse have been built, roads have been paved, and a new dining and meeting facility have been constructed. We’ve birthed a variety of adult and youth programs that have introduced thousands of parishioners to Claggett. Certainly the renewal envisioned in 1996 is well underway, but if Claggett is to achieve its full

potential as a retreat and conference center, the 56 room, 80 bed Adult Lodge must be built.

- With the new lodge we will have modern, comfortable sleeping rooms; without we will struggle with outdated sleeping rooms and down-the-hall bathrooms.
- With the new lodge our brothers and sisters with handicaps or mobility issues can be welcomed and accommodated; without they will be excluded from attending overnight programs at Claggett.
- With the new lodge we envision a multitude of ministries and the expansion of midweek usage; without we will be limited to the status quo with little opportunity to grow midweek business.

Some have questioned the viability of the new Adult Lodge. In response we hired RevPar International, a firm that specializes in evaluating the feasibility of new hotels, to evaluate the financial feasibility of the new Adult Lodge. The RevPar study concluded that the Adult Lodge would have a positive impact on cash flow and greatly enhance net income. RevPar also pointed out that increasing occupancy by just 3% above their predicted rate would make it possible to borrow up to 50% of the construction cost.



Building the new lodge will require creativity and perseverance. It took six years for the dining/meeting facility to become a reality in January 2007 and it’s reasonable to expect that it will take 3 years or more to design, finance, and construct the lodge. The Claggett Board of Trustees therefore encourages the Horizons Group to include the new Adult Lodge at Claggett as one of the strategic “big rocks” in 2010. Much has been invested over the past 11 years and, as it says in Acts 20:24, we need “to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given us.”



Claggett Adult Center



Lunch in the New Dining Room