

HISTORY OF SHORT JOURNEY

Short Journey began as a one room, one teacher frame school building serving the African American community. The school received its name because it was only a "short journey" to Wesley Chapel Church, which still exists one mile east of Short Journey.

The present building, completed in 1926, was made possible through the efforts of the Rosenwald Fund. The local community was successful in raising \$500 to match the funding necessary to construct the new school.

The school operated for forty-four years before closing with desegregation after the 1969-70 school year. Eva Cooper was principal for all forty-four years!

In 1983, the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh purchased the facility to serve the needs of it's youth, young adult and campus ministry programs.

Today, Short Journey is open to all "involved in enhancing the dignity of persons."



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YOUR OWN JOURNEY

Everyone in life is on a journey – whether it is personal, family or in your business. Whatever it is, it is important to take time away to focus



Short Journey's popular 'sun room.'

on your goals, objectives and overall mission. Short Journey Retreat Center provides an ideal environment to do just that – get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and focus on what is important.

Short Journey Retreat Center opened its doors in 1983 and has hosted thousands of individuals from all walks of life – each on a journey to return to what is important. Our doors are open to all on 'the journey.'

Welcome!



Rooms like the Dorothy Day Room can be set for seminars and training.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Short Journey Retreat Center offers 10 meeting rooms varying in size from 150 down to smaller rooms for more intimate gatherings. All of the furniture and surroundings are designed with comfort in mind – from comfortable, ergonomically designed seminar chairs to



Rocking chairs provide an even more relaxed environment.

the comfort that reminds you of sitting on grandma's front porch. Short Journey also makes available the latest in audio-visual equipment – from the simple flipchart and overhead to the latest in satellite hook-ups and teleconferencing.

Short Journey can also accommodate up to 120 individuals for overnight stays.

Being that Short Journey is an old school house, guests will find a number of activities on the six-acre property that will remind you of your childhood days.

DINING

Short Journey Retreat Center offers a full-range of dining services. From coffee and break service in your meeting room to breakfast, lunch and dinner served in our 80-seat dining room.

Whatever your dining needs, you will be reminded of home-cooking that you thought only your mother could prepare. Enjoy!

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"The renovations...have made the place very comfortable and welcoming. I am so impressed with the changes that I would like to hold all of our retreats at Short Journey Retreat Center...Overall, I had the best retreat experience in four years..."

Tracy Kessler, Raleigh, N.C.



"The physical improvements...are noticeable and appreciated. The center has come a long way since I first visited it...As many have said before me, Short Journey certainly is 'holy ground.'"

Reverend Scott McCue, Saint Ann's Catholic Church – Smithfield, N.C.

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Call today for rate information and availability. Don't wait!

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