



ALL SAINTS RISING

One church growth idea is to refocus St. Charles as the church focused on serving our city in need. We need a new distinctive quality to stand out at a time when church attendance is declining and traditional growth methods are not enough. We can do this by forming a new volunteer action organization called **All Saints Rising**

WHY?

- . It fits with our mission and members' passions and strengths, and the St. Charles Center's mission.
- . It shifts our focus from "we have to grow or else we die" to "look at the good we can do together."
- . We involve all ages—children, youth, adults. It amplifies things we already are doing.
- . New Orleans has more human needs than just about any other city.

It is a positive for everyone, even those who don't want to get involved personally.

How?

- . Organize at least one church-wide “helping others” project each month. Invite non-members and prospects to join us. Growing, aim for more.
 - . Choose projects broad-based in appeal that fit in with our mission.
- . Publicize community actions into all our messaging, worship, outreach activities.
- . Projects must be meaningful, action-oriented, group-oriented, with a clear goal.
- . Develop specific volunteer projects for children, youth and people who need more sedentary projects.
 - . This doesn’t require changing anything we do now. It doesn’t replace work of the Community Engagement team but it can build on it.
- . Grow to possibly form partnerships with other select groups—non-profits, churches, community organizations, particularly across racial and demographic lines.
- . This focus on service fits in with other actions we decide should be in our growth plan.

To boost the idea’s success, the Leadership Team seeks your approval and commitment. If you do agree, we will ask a core group to commit to involvement and recruiting others. We hope you’ll say yes and look to fresh, innovative ways to grow St. Charles.

