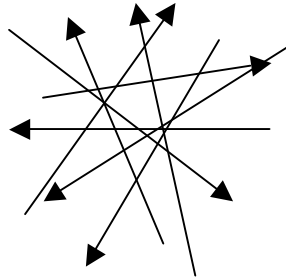


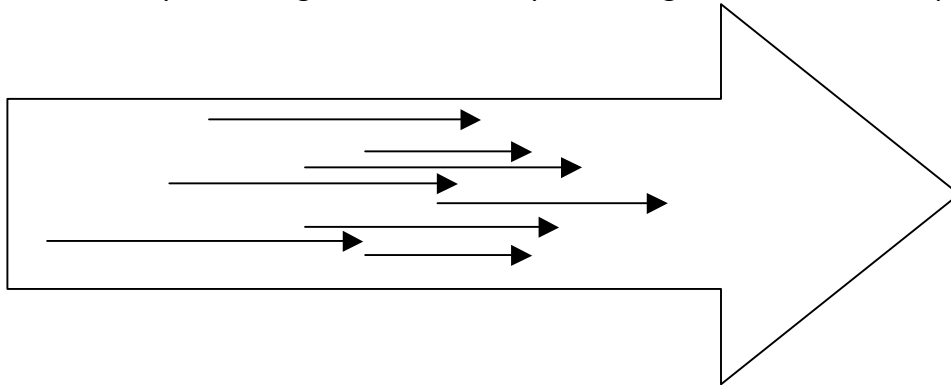
## A Perspective: St. John's Ministry, 2004

St. John's is able to celebrate the existence and viability of dozens of great ministries. It is a congregation offering many avenues for involvement. However, unity in overall (congregational) direction is lacking. Collaboration, as well as communication, between ministries is challenged. At times ministries compete in unhealthy ways for resources, visibility, etc. Those outside St. John's may have trouble identifying her overall congregational mission.



## St. John's Ministry Alignment, Ongoing

Alignment of ministry is achieved as St. John's many ministries (e.g. educational, worship, care, mission, etc.) and members have the same mission and vision. In one sense perfect alignment already exists as the Church and her members are the Body of Christ. The Father looks upon the Church and sees His perfect Son. Perfect alignment in another sense will only be experienced when Christ returns. Yet, giving St. John's ministries and members the opportunity to embrace common "Guiding Statements" may help the congregation clarify decision making regarding resources, priorities, and timing. "Guiding Statements" may offer St. John's members better understanding of their church family as well as communication tools for conversations about their St. John's family. "Guiding Statements" may also bring focus to members' personal mission and vision.



## St. John's Guiding Statements

Mission: Connecting, Caring, and Sharing in Christ.

Vision: Discipleship in as many places as possible...

- Among a new generation
- For renewal and recovery
- Offering havens of recreation
- Providing Christ stations
- In the heart of the city

Ministry Model: Multi-Site