**Overview:** Lower Nine works with residents of the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans to help rebuild the area after it was devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Because the Lower Ninth Ward was an area hit hardest by the hurricanes, Lower Nine takes a holistic approach to healing the community; Lower Nine is committed to sustainable economic solutions.

**Day-to-Day:** Service will take place daily from 8:15-4:30 with an hour lunch break. Service will consist of basic homebuilding and rehabilitating projects such as re-shingling a roof, laying sheet rock, or insulating walls. Even if you have never swung a hammer, Lower Nine will educate and prepare you for what it takes to help rebuild houses in the Lower Ninth Ward.

**The Nitty Gritty Details:** The retreat center has separate air-conditioned men's and women's bunkrooms as well as separate restrooms and showers. Food is included in the cost of the trip. Breakfast will be served Monday-Friday 6:30-7:30, lunches will be packed during this time as well, and dinners will be served Monday-Friday 6:00-7:00. Group members should plan some additional funds to purchase food during weekend travel days to and from New Orleans.

**Location:** New Orleans, LA

**Price:** $360

**Price includes:**
- Transportation
- Housing
- Program fees
- Tools/supplies needed for service

**Transportation:** Participants will travel by a 50 person charter bus to the destination and use a rental vehicle around the city.

**Housing:** Retreat Center

**Meals:** Included

**Social Justice Issue:** Homelessness, Poverty, Disaster Relief

**Physicality Level:** Medium/High

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