



APPLICATION | SPIRE Cohort - Assess Your Poverty Alleviation Efforts for Greater Impact

Please complete the following application by **Monday, August 30th** and either email to matt@sendmestlouis.org or send to: *Send Me St. Louis, Attn: Matt Miller, 8860 Ladue Rd., Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63124*. Upon receipt, Matt Miller will reach out to setup a time to discuss your application.

Basic Information:

Church or organization: _____

Tell us about your church/organization – who are you, what do you do, mission/vision, etc.

Point person for the SPIRE Assessment process: _____

Phone number _____ | Email address _____

Who else will be involved with the SPIRE assessment from your church/organization (include name and role – i.e., John Smith – volunteer with XYZ food ministry):

What ministry are you planning to evaluate?

For the SPIRE assessment to be effective, it is important that you are clear on what you are trying to evaluate. Work to select a ministry or suite of ministries that work together where you have questions about the health and effectiveness of the effort. Below please share 1) about the specific ministry, 2) why you want to evaluate it, and 3) what you hope to gain from this process:

Readiness/Timing

For this assessment to be effective, a church or organization must be ready to dive deep into their ministry, ask hard questions, listen well, and be willing to change based on what they learn. Additionally, this process cannot be taken on by a lone ranger in a church/organization. Not everyone will agree that an assessment like this is needed or worth it, but if a team of people commit to this process, it can have far reaching impact.

Share your thoughts on how ready your church or organization is for the SPIRE Cohort:

Financial Assistance

Outside consulting is valuable, but the cost can sometimes be prohibitive. Send Me wants to ensure this experience is accessible to as many churches/organizations as possible. To that end, participating entities can apply for a grant from Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis to cover 50% of the cost. As a reminder, the total cost for the cohort is \$3,250. With the 50% scholarship, **the cost to your church/org will be \$1,625.**

At the 50% discount, can your church/organization afford this cohort? YES / NO (circle one)

For this experience to be effective, a church/org needs to have skin in the game. That said, Send Me recognizes financial capacity varies based on ministry.

If you answered NO, how much can your church/org contribute to this cohort?

Amount: _____