**Lead Organizer Job Announcement**

Have you ever felt like something was missing in the faith community? Have you wondered how there can be so many churches and places of worship, yet cities continue to deteriorate? Have you ever been angry with injustice, yet felt powerless to change it? Have you ever felt like the time for band aid solutions is over and the time for real action is NOW?! If so, you should keep reading.

**Who SURE (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity) is**

SURE is a local justice organization composed of over 20 congregations united in our pursuit of positive change in Sarasota. Our congregations don’t just talk about injustice, we gather together for action and to hold those in power accountable. Our organization thrives on powerful story-telling, determined team-building, and a rich theology of God’s justice. These shared values lead to packed city commission meetings and an annual action assembly where public officials are pressed to implement solutions.

We are a diverse group of congregations working together since 1995. Over the years we have:

* Won a program that helps over 100 homeless individuals off the street and into dignified housing
* Won a diversion program for youth that has reduced youth arrests by over 77% in Sarasota County
* Won a recovery program in the jail that has helped nearly 2000 inmates and cut recidivism by 78%

**Where you’ll call home**

If you’re not already convinced, maybe you’d be interested to know that Siesta Key has consistently been voted the best beach in the country, that Sarasota is home to a tremendous arts district, that our city boasts a bustling and up and coming downtown, that outdoor opportunities like fishing, snorkeling, surfing, and hiking abound here. Thousands of people move to Sarasota every year for the weather, the beaches, and the culture…you could be one of them!

**What you’ll be doing**

Most of your time will be spent in the field meeting with and training hundreds of team members. These are some of the best people in the world! Many have their own stories of injustice. Though Sarasota is a beautiful place, it has a history of racism, economic inequality, and corrupt systems that YOU will be working with us to change. You’ll also organize our major events and help us turn out people to research meetings and our action assembly in the spring. Behind the scenes you’ll write grants, organize our annual fund-raising drive, recruit new congregations to join with us (there are over 300 churches in Sarasota!), and train us in better research and engagement techniques.

Finally you’ll be leading our staff and reporting to our board. We currently have a fabulous Director of Clergy Engagement who will help you with recruitment and organizing clergy. Down the road 6-8 months you’ll begin to grow your staff and hire two associate organizers that you will train and mentor.

**What you’ll be earning**

SURE is strong financially and, as a justice ministry, we believe you should be compensated to the absolute best of our ability for this job. So $50-70,000 per year is the starting salary plus health and retirement.

Are you excited for this opportunity? Then send in your resume and we’ll get in touch. Sure, we want you to have a bachelor’s degree and some relevant experience, but beyond all of that, we’re looking for the right person to take our organization to the next level…maybe we’re looking for YOU! Contact Ryan at ryan@12springschurch.com.