



ENGLEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Reconciliation Ministry
Disciples Center
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Dear April Johnson,

Englewood Christian Church is dedicated to eliminating systemic racism through cultural programming within our community. Our church encourages unity amidst diversity as we strive to provide opportunities for our congregation and neighbors to find common ground and address our differences through the arts. We have successfully sponsored fun and engaging cultural arts programs for children with After School Arts, the World Dance and Rhythm Camp and Incentive Art Days. After School Drum Camp will continue our mission of unity and multicultural communication within our diverse community.

After School Drum Camp is a partnership between Englewood Christian Church, Garfield Elementary School and Gilbert Elementary School. Drum Camp is a week-long, after school camp honoring Black History Month. It will provide students the opportunity to study African culture through rhythm, song and art. Master drum teachers on the djembe, marimba and North African tabla will provide training on these instruments that the schools currently own but which are not being played. Adult drumming classes for teachers, staff, church and community members will take place in the evenings after the camp. All activities are free of charge.

We are requesting \$2,100 from the Reconciliation Fund to finance student t-shirts and design, student transportation, breakfast for teachers, sound and audio/video services for the After School Drum Camp. This support will help us to continue our ministry in which music and art are a path to cultural understanding.

Thank you for your work toward ending racism and promoting peace. We appreciate your consideration in helping us achieve this goal within our own hearts, church and community.

Sincerely,

Ed Birge
President of Vision Council

Sandy Vogel
Vice-President of Vision Council



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