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**2022 (In)Justice for All Film Festival International to Feature Special Presentation of the
Acclaimed Film *Let The Little Light Shine***

*Noteworthy panel discussion with the filmmaker sheds light on the empowerment of
communities in responding to justice disparities in education*

CHICAGO (October 13, 2022) – For a decade, the (In)Justice for All Film Festival International (IFAFF International), a program of Trinity United Church of Christ, has curated an array of films that speak to the issues of our time – the over incarceration epidemic, immigration, police abuse, domestic abuse, human trafficking, systemic racism, and more. The Festival’s 2022 programming begins this fall, October 27-28.

The much-anticipated fest is virtual for the second year and expands its reach to national and international audiences and continues to partner with Eventive, a well-established and respected virtual cinema screening platform, to screen a small group of amazing, deeply engaging, and thought-provoking films over the next 12 months. IFAFF International will return to a full 7-day schedule in the fall of 2023.

IFAFF International kicks off this season with a special presentation of the award-winning film ***Let The Little Light Shine***. Typically, under-resourced schools are closed due to underperformance. Yet, ***Let The Little Light Shine*** tells a different story of how a high-performing, top-ranked African American elementary school in the South Loop neighborhood of Chicago with a 100 percent graduation rate is threatened by gentrification when a decision is made to close the school and transform it into a high school favoring the needs of the community’s wealthier residents.

The film chronicles how everyday parents, students, and educators become advocates in the fight to keep their elementary school, The National Teachers Academy (NTA). A special live panel discussion, featuring the film’s director/producer Kevin Shaw, the former and present principals of NTA, and two parent activists, will immediately follow the film screening on

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Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 7pm. All virtual screenings of the film, October 27 and 28, will be accompanied by Film Notes, a conversation between Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, and director/producer Kevin Shaw. This is a limited engagement. Tickets can be ordered by visiting www.injusticeforallff.com.

Shaw has created award-winning content for national television networks, including *America to Me*, *City So Real*, and *The Street Stops Here*. He is the recipient of the Edward R. Murrow Award for Sports Reporting Excellence and a National Sports Emmy for ESPN's FIFA World Cup. Shaw's next directorial work is *One Golden Summer*, tracing the rise of an all-Black Little League Baseball team as it captured the national title and national imagination in 2014, only to lose its title and reputation under a cloud of scandal.

The IFAFF International brings the power of film to educate, engage, and grow the numbers of active allies in the fight to actualize transformative justice worldwide. For socially-conscious film viewers, seeking knowledge and actionable resources, the festival has strong value.

The magic of the Festival derives from a committed, extensive group of partners who contribute their enthusiasm, relationships, and more to spread the news of the IFAFF International throughout Chicago and beyond. Independent film houses, universities, justice organizations, faith communities, and select media outlets comprise the bulk of IFAFF International partners. Major 2022 IFAFF sponsors include Trinity United Church of Christ, The Unashamed Media Group, The Living Legacy Program of the Congregational Church in Deerfield/UCC, and Euclid Avenue United Methodist Church in Oak Park.

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