

Global citizen Nontombi Naomi Tutu, international human rights activist, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, will help guide a discussion bridging town and gown, secular and religious, and geographic and political boundaries. Her sustained and visible commitment to education, dialogue, reconciliation, and social justice on issues of gender, race, and international relations has made Naomi Tutu a leader in her own right. With her immediate knowledge of the realities of a divisive society and the promise of communities that work to protect and sustain the dignity of all people, Tutu invites us to "be willing to speak and hear the truth because then we will have our just society."

Tutu is Associate Director of the Office of International Programs at Tennessee State University, founder and chair (1985-1990) of the Tutu Foundation, which provides scholarships and support to South African refugees in African countries. Born in South Africa during apartheid, Tutu has lived, worked, and studied in South Africa, the U.S., and the U.K; is a graduate of Berea College (BA, Economics and French) and the University of Kentucky (MA, International Economic Development); and is also recipient of honorary degrees from the Universal Orthodox College of Ogun State in Nigeria and Bentley College in Massachusetts. Ms. Tutu is the author of Words of Desmond Tutu and I Don't Think of You as Black: Honest Conversations on Race.