
THE CATHEDRAL WELCOMES Nontombi Naomi Tutu



The Dean and Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral are pleased to announce the appointment of Nontombi Naomi Tutu to the Christ Church Cathedral clergy staff for a one-year Curacy. She will be ordained to the transitional Diaconate in June (see below) and begin her time on staff September 1.

Ms. Tutu was born in South Africa, educated in Swaziland, the United Kingdom, and the United States and has divided her adult life between South Africa and the U.S. Mother to Joy, Mungi, and Mpilo, she and her family have made Nashville home for the past 18 years.

Her professional experience ranges from being a development consultant in West Africa to being coordinator for programs on race and gender and gender-based violence in education at the African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town. In addition, Ms. Tutu has taught at the University of Hartford, University of Connecticut, and Brevard College in North Carolina. She also served as program coordinator for the historic Race Relations Institute at Fisk University.

In 2016, Ms. Tutu received her M.Div. from Vanderbilt Divinity School. While there, she served an internship at All Saints', Smyrna, and began her ordination discernment process as a member of that parish. She will receive her postgraduate Diploma in Anglican Studies from Virginia Theological Seminary this month.

Of the call to Christ Church Cathedral, Ms. Tutu says, "Being given the opportunity to begin my ordained ministry at Christ Church Cathedral is a great privilege. I know it to be a community fully engaged in the life of the city. I believe that at its best our faith offers us both challenges and comfort, and I am sure I will find myself both challenged and supported in this new ministry."

Ms. Tutu's ordination will take place at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. All parishioners are invited to attend the ordination and the reception to follow.
