***Desmond Tutu***



Desmond Tutu was born in Klerksdorp, Transvaal on October 7th, 1931. He lived there for 12 years until moving to Johannesburg. He is an ordained Anglican priest and was the Dean of St. Mary’s Cathedral in Johannesburg (1975), the Bishop of Lesotho (1976-1978), and first black General Secretary of South African Council of Churches. He was a teacher before becoming an ordained priest and refused to cooperate with the government’s plan for inferior black education. Tutu’s objective as a leader against apartheid was to have “a democratic and just society without racial divisions.” He supported the disinvestment from South Africa, even though it hit the poor Blacks the hardest. He opposed more violent anti-apartheid groups like the African National Congress. As chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he counseled for forgiveness and cooperation rather than revenge for past injustice.

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