Maryville University Presents

Nelson Mandela’s Legacy of Reconciliation: Lessons for Leading an Inclusive Community

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

6:30 p.m. Panel Discussion
8:00 p.m. Reception
Edward Jones Auditorium/Manchester Road & I-270

For the past 15 years, **Linda Rae Biehl** has worked side by side with Ntobeko Peni and Easy Nofemela, two of the young men convicted of her daughter’s death as they now help direct and implement the many after-school youth programs near Cape Town, South Africa. She has chosen to focus on U.S. domestic issues of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Born in 1973 in Guguletu Township on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa, **Ntobeko Peni** first experienced the brutalities of Apartheid during elementary school. His commitment to the overthrow of Apartheid led to the death of Amy Biehl in 1993. Following his conviction, incarceration, and eventual amnesty, Peni sought out and developed a relationship with Amy’s parents, Linda and the late Peter Biehl.

**Manfred Jacobs** is “Communications and Club Manager, Senior Correctional Officer of Drakenstein Correctional Services” (formerly Victor Verster Prison) in the Western Cape, South Africa. He is grateful to have known President Mandela on a personal basis and is “gratified that people today still believe in his message of hope.”

This event is free of charge and open to the public but reservations are requested.

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Maryville University’s commitment to thoughtful discourse on important issues of the day continues with a dialogue on **DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, FREEDOM, RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING**.

Three panelists will share their personal experiences and insights on reconciliation leading to a “rainbow nation” and discuss how we can deploy practical wisdom that stems from heroic actions by individuals close to Mandela during apartheid and the current post-apartheid era.