Dear Bethanian,

The value of a great college education extends beyond the classroom, bringing new experiences, voices and points of view to students, and taking students into the world to hear and learn from the leaders who drive innovation, shape the future and make the world a better place. We are pleased to announce the Larry E. Grimes Lecture Series, honoring an inspirational professor who taught Bethany students for 39 years. Dr. Grimes’ love of literature and service continues today through his published poems and engaging Hemingway research while he serves as Director of Church Relations and Professor of English Emeritus at Bethany.

We invite you to become a Founding Member of the Lecture Series. You will be helping to launch this new and exciting program by providing the funding necessary to bring an impressive and thoughtful array of noted individuals and points of view to campus and beyond. Some off-campus venues will be used to showcase the quality of education at Bethany to a regional audience.

Launched by the Bethany College Alumni Council Board of Directors and supported by the Board of Trustees, the funding goal of the Larry E. Grimes Lecture Series is to support a sustainable, permanent endowment. This will insure that challenging and fresh ideas are presented to Bethany students, faculty and alumni for years.

In honoring Dr. Grimes, this new campus-wide, interdisciplinary speaker series will engage Bethany students and the community at a personal level, by featuring leaders, writers, and thinkers, many of whom will be published authors who challenge the audience to consider new perspectives about their education and the world.

Designed to coincide with Bethany College’s 175th anniversary, the Grimes Lecture Series kicks off in 2014 with Dr. Grimes presenting his forthcoming book, *Hemingway, Cuba, and the Cuban Works*. The series will then continue with prominent speakers following Dr. Grimes’ inaugural lecture. As Bethany celebrates an important historic achievement of 175 years of liberal arts education, the Grimes Lecture Series promises to reflect Bethany’s historic excellence, while providing a new program to carry forward for the benefit of generations to come. Following the introduction of the inaugural speaker, a governance committee comprised of faculty, alumni and staff will advise the College in the management of the Grimes fund and select a prominent speaker to bring to campus each year.

We hope you will join us in supporting the Larry E. Grimes Lecture Series at Bethany College and invite you to make plans to attend the inaugural lecture and all future Grimes Speaker events.

Recommended support levels enable the College to meet its goal of launching the Grimes Lecture Series with an endowment large enough to attract a range of interesting and compelling speakers over the coming years:

- **Supporter**: up to $500
- **Patron**: $501 - $999
- **Sponsor**: $1,000 - $5,000
- **Founder**: $5,000 and above

Soon you will be able to follow the progress toward the launch of the series on Facebook and Twitter. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, we encourage you to contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 304.829.7299.

On behalf of Bethany College and the Larry E. Grimes Lecture Series, thank you in advance for your support.

Regards,

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The Larry E. Grimes Bethany Lecture Series

A new series bringing thought-provoking speakers to Bethany students and the community.

Bringing the world to Bethany.
Preparing Bethany students for a lifetime of success.

The series honors a professor and renowned Hemingway Scholar who spent 39 years teaching students to learn from and love literature.

Dr. Grimes will personally deliver the inaugural lecture in 2014.

Additional speakers to be named for spring 2015 and beyond.

Become a charter contributor by pledging your support now.

About Larry Grimes

A 1964 Bethany graduate, Dr. Grimes returned to Bethany in 1970 to serve in the Department of English. During his nearly 40 years as a professor, Dr. Grimes opened the world of literature, poetry, history, film and interdisciplinary studies to thousands of Bethanians.

Dr. Grimes earned his B.A. in English from Bethany College, a B.D. from Yale Divinity School, and Ph.D. in literature and theology from Emory University. He is an internationally known Hemingway scholar and a published poet.

An ordained minister in the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), Dr. Grimes served as pastor of Community Christian Church for 15 years. He is the Moderator of the Christian Church (DOC) in West Virginia, serves on its Commission on the Ministry, and as Dean of Buffalo Seminary he coordinates year round continuing education programs for clergy and laity. He also serves on the WV Humanities Council. He has lectured and preached in churches across the country. For the past 43 years, Dr. Grimes has lived in the same home in Bethany with his wife, Carol Duecker Grimes ’66.

More information is available through the Bethany Office of Alumni Relations at 304-829-7299.