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FROM: Dr. John G. Panagiotou, Vice-President & Liaison to the President

President Julius Barnes is pleased to announce the establishment of the inaugural Bishop Sanco K. Rembert Memorial Lecture at Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary and that we are greatly honored to welcome as our first lecturer the internationally known New Testament scholar and poet Dr. Bonnie B. Thurston.

Dr. Thurston earned her PhD in English with Religious Studies from the University of Virginia. She did Post-Doctoral Studies at Harvard Divinity School, Eberhard Karls University at Tuebingen, and the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem. Dr. Thurston is a much sought after speaker and has lectured worldwide having published more than thirty books and numerous scholarly articles. Her teaching professorships have included the University of Virginia, Bethany College, Wheeling Jesuit University, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

The lecture is set for 7 pm Thursday March 23, 2023, in the historic sanctuary of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville, South Carolina.

The late Bishop Sanco K. Rembert was a prominent figure and trailblazer in the life of Cummins Seminary and the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of the Southeast. "Bishop Sanco King Rembert was the first African American Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church and, in 1987, became the first African American Bishop Ordinary of the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Southeast...President, Dean and Professor of Cummins Theological Seminary in Summerville, South Carolina" [<https://scafricanamerican.com/honorees/bishop-sanco-king-rembert/>]