

Rev. Orsella Renea Hughes is a dedicated Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, currently leading Saint Luke A.M.E. Church in Harlem, NY. Her journey has spanned multiple communities, including roles as Pastor at Allen Chapel in Hartford, CT, and Saint James in Danbury, CT, where she left a lasting impact through her compassionate leadership.

Beyond her pastoral work, Rev. Hughes has served in various leadership roles, from Christian Education Director to Youth Minister. Her commitment extends from the New England Annual Conference to now, the New York Annual Conference, where she actively participates on various committees, including the A.M.E. Women in Ministry.

An entrepreneur at heart, Rev. Hughes co-founded The Prosperity Foundation, a trailblazing Connecticut organization supporting Black-led nonprofits. She also led as Executive Business Manager for Howard K. Hill Funeral Services, launching innovative programs that transformed service and grief counseling.

As the founder of Serenity Ceremonies by Rev. Orsella, she crafts unique, story-driven wedding ceremonies, recognized by publications like Brides Magazine, Munaluchi Bridal, and The Knot. Rev. Hughes's devotion to education and community shines through her academic achievements and her engagement with organizations such as the Metro Manhattan Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Rev. Hughes's pursuit of education is a testament to her commitment to excellence. She earned a Bachelor's degree in business from Bay Path University in Longmeadow, MA, a Certificate in Business Management from Cornell University, and a Certificate of Women's Studies from Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT. Rev. Hughes is currently enrolled at Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, OH pursuing her Masters of Divinity Degree. These academic achievements, coupled with her extensive experience, demonstrate her competence and expertise in her field.

Rev. Orsella and her husband, Howard, enjoy time by the beach, dancing, and sharing laughter, embodying joy and love in all they do.