

***Luke 4:43***

***"And he said unto them; I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent."***

***Rev. Orsella Renea Hughes*** is an ordained preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) where she serves as the Pastor of Saint James AME Church in Danbury, CT. Prior to her appointment as Pastor, Rev. Hughes served as an Associate Minister at Bethel AME Churches in New Haven & Bridgeport, CT serving in the positions of Christian Education Director, Women's Ministry Leader, Community 8 AM Minister, and Youth Minister. She was the Marketing Chairperson for the First Episcopal District AME Church 2016 Bicentennial Celebration and proudly serves as the Armor Bearer, to First Episcopal District Episcopal Supervisor, Rev. Dr. Jessica K. Ingram. Rev. Hughes is also a proud member of the Connectional AME Women in Ministry.

In 2008, Rev. Hughes was hired by Howard K. Hill Funeral Services as the Executive Business Manager growing with the company from one location to managing three locations in Connecticut. She is currently the coordinator for the grief counseling division, "Zola." Her community involvement includes serving as an advisory board member for The Perfect Blend Teen Girl Mentoring Program, Consultant for The Prosperity Foundation and alumni of the Hartford Seminary Women's Leadership Institute.

Rev. Hughes is the owner of "Serenity Ceremonies by Rev. Orsella " offering wedding day ceremony (domestic and international), vow renewal and optional premarital Spiritual counseling services. Having received multiple 5-star reviews, her business has been awarded as Wedding Wire's Couple Choice and is listed as a premiere vendor on The Knot, and Brides Magazine. She is also the blogger of "Daily Inspirations with Rev. O," an e-mail ministry sending inspiration to 1000's of individuals to spiritually jump start their mornings. She has been called upon by many national organizations to be a motivational speaker, facilitate seminars and present workshops for teen girls and young adult women.

Rev. Hughes was married to Howard Hughes in 2012 and together, they share a love for walks on the beach, dancing together and making each other laugh.