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## Reverend Dr. Ernestine Sanders

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**Award:** HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

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Reverend Dr. Ernestine Sanders is a ministerial speaker and seminar leader of international renown. She is Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Clergy United for Community Empowerment, Inc., a multi-service agency providing direct services in St. Albans, Queens and the Greater New York City Area. She is the Founder of the Evangelical World-Wide Ministries, Inc. and a nationally known Christian educator.

Dr. Sanders was the first woman clergy panel member of former Queens District Attorney John J. Santucci's Second Chance Program. This program offered a second chance to first-time offenders through public service as an alternative to incarceration. She has presided over quarterly breakfast meetings on raising the self-esteem of women with the focused theme "The Wonders of Womanhood," and serves on the boards of a number of local organizations. Dr. Sanders was one of the opening speakers for the National Leadership Conference for the Congressional Black Caucus in 2002, and in her time has received numerous honors, awards and proclamations.

Dr. Sanders' accomplishments are impressive. She is a three-term Graduate Fellow of the New York Theological Seminary and the New York City Mission Society's Urban Fellow Program, where she served as its coordinator for two terms. Dr. Sanders has earned many advanced degrees, including: a business degree from Lamson College in Phoenix, Arizona; a Bachelor of Arts in Primitive and Comparative Religions from The College of New Rochelle, M.P.S./M. in Divinity Studies at New York Theological Seminary; a Master of Arts in Psychology and Religion Education from Commonwealth University; a Doctorate of Divinity from Eastern American Theological Seminary Consortium; a Certificate in Journalism from Howard University; and continuing education credits from Princeton Theological Seminary, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Harvard University, and Fuller Theological

Seminary. She received a doctorate from Santa Barbara University.

Dr. Sanders currently serves as Pastor of the Evangelical Christian Church in Jamaica, New York.