

Pastor Elaine Rivera and Come As You Are-MCC

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain."
(1Cor 15:10). This scripture speaks to the calling and life's journey of Pastor Elaine Rivera.

Growing up in the urban streets of Philadelphia, she is no stranger to what could have been had it not been for the grace of God. Having accepted her calling to ministry much later in life, Pastor Rivera first served in the United States Air Force for eight years and as a Law Enforcement Officer for five years. It was after this she understood that there were a series of ordained events that had to occur before she could be used for the glory of God.

She accepted the call of The Lord in 2010 spending time in various ministries before becoming an ordained minister of Christ in March 2011. In time, Pastor Rivera served as an associate minister and eventually as an assistant pastor in Sicklerville, New Jersey, USA.

In 2014, Pastor Rivera became the Senior Pastor and Founder of Crossroads Empowerment Ministry in Blackwood, New Jersey, USA. She served the Blackwood community tirelessly working with local churches and non-profit organizations to effect change for the homeless, victims of domestic abuse and victims of social, economic, gender, and racial discrimination. As an advocate for strengthening and empowerment, she operates outside the walls of the church to minister to the lost in non-traditional ways. Pastor Rivera said she is most comfortable joining the efforts of street ministries, tent revivals all night prayer services, and Bible studies using online and social media platforms.

Now called to minister Come As You Are- MCC (CAYA-MCC), it is her strong desire that The Lord will allow the doors of the church to remain open seven days a week for prayer, intercession and counseling. She is a gifted speaker and preacher who received her biblical education from Grace Bible College, a bachelor's degree from Shippensburg University and is currently enrolled at Liberty University in its graduate program. Pastor Rivera holds a Certification as a Pastoral Biblical Counselor and currently serves as a New Jersey State Elder for Remnant Kingdom International. She currently resides in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and divides her time ministering in both Philadelphia and New Jersey.

Bio provided by Pastor Elaine Rivera