

Pastor Mignelis Figueroa Lazcano is a native from Puerto Rico, USA Territory. She is the oldest daughter of pastor parents (Rev. Nelson Figueroa and Local pastor Migdalia Acevedo.) She was baptized and a former member of The United Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico. Mignelis moved to Kentucky in December 2002, following her father's call for ministry as Church planter for the Kentucky Annual Conference of UMC. Mignelis was married in September 2009, to Miguel Lazcano with whom she has two beautiful children, Mireily Joyce and Miguel Jeremiah.

After 6 years of membership in the United Methodist Church, and serving as a founding member of the Hispanic local church Emmanuel es el camino in Northern Kentucky, Mignelis felt called to move in 2009 to serve and help grow the young church Fuente de Avivamiento in Lexington, Ky. Mignelis developed strong leadership skills as lay leader for a period of about 5 years. Within those years Mignelis received a call for ministry focusing on pastoring, became licensed to preach in 2014 and served as local pastor under the mentoring of Rev. Dr. Josmar Alvarez.

Subsequently Pastor Mignelis was sent out by the Holy Spirit to look for opportunities in ministry. After uncountable hours, days and months praying and discerning in her spirit Pastor Mignelis received a call from the Bluegrass District of the Kentucky Annual Conference of UMC to serve as a church planter for the Hispanic communities of the District. She subsequently received the guidance of the Holy Spirit to start a new movement called "Cuerdas de Amor" (Love Strings), launched on December 31, 2018. Currently "Cuerdas de Amor" (Love Strings) has their meetings at Wesley UMC in Georgetown, Downtown, Ky. By the summer of 2021 "Cuerdas de Amor" began a new initiative as an outreach strategy called The Mobile Church T.G.I.F. within different neighborhoods in Georgetown to be a faith based, loving, serving community for those who are looking to belong. Cuerdas' focus is predominantly Hispanic second and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation adults, children and youth.