

Michelle Sanchez
Executive Minister of Make and Deepen Disciples

Rev. Michelle Sanchez (M.Div., Th.M.) has served for four years as Executive Minister of Make and Deepen Disciples (MDD). She says: “Leading the Make and Deepen Disciples mission priority has been one of the greatest joys and privileges of my life. This role exemplifies my core passion and calling: helping people to go both deeper in Christ and further in mission. We have made significant strides during my first term, and I would be honored to build upon this progress for a second term.” Highlights of Michelle’s first term include:



- **MDD Vision.** MDD has established its vision to “mobilize a multiethnic movement of disciples who make disciples across all ages.” They also completed a strategic plan informed by “Project Discover,” MDD’s year-long research and development project initiated to learn from the most cutting-edge discipleship ministries in North America.
- **Making Disciples – BLESS.** A new ECC evangelism movement is here! At last count, there have been 509 orders for BLESS inserts, for a total of 365,178 English orders and 11,495 Spanish orders. We are delighted to pray for tens of thousands of unreached friends and neighbors at Gather each year. CovChurch.org/BLESS
- **Deepening Disciples – Community Bible Experience & Immerse.** Through Covenant Community Bible Experience (CBE), we estimate that ~400 churches and 40,000 people engaged with the New Testament! The follow-up to CBE—the Immerse initiative—is also flourishing. CovChurch.org/Immerse
- **Discipleship Across Generations.** Legacy reimagines our relationship with children and their place of priority in God’s kingdom. CovChurch.org/Legacy. Many agree that CHIC 2018, our major youth initiative, excelled in terms of ethnic diversity, significant student decisions for Christ and for ministry, and robust engagement across all five mission priorities. www.CHICConference.org. Crescendo was launched to unleash the missional potential of boomers and beyond (55+) to engage in the work of God’s kingdom. CovChurch.org/Crescendo.
- **Embrace.** Embrace is a suite of resources on human sexuality discipleship that is grounded in the historic Christian doctrine of marriage and sexuality with an emphasis on equipping our church to flourish in love for LGBTQ+ people. Countless people within the ECC and beyond have engaged Embrace resources thus far, particularly the Embrace webinar series. CovChurch.org/Embrace

Prior to this role, Michelle served as Pastor of Christian Formation and Mission at Highrock Covenant Church (Arlington, MA) as well as a leader with the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. She spent two years working with Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) in New York City, helping to pioneer outreach ministries to international students. She is a regular columnist for *Outreach Magazine*.

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Michelle graduated first in her seminary class with the President's Award from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, where she received an M.Div. degree as well as a Th.M. degree in historical theology. Most recently, she completed a Post-Masters Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Boston College.

Michelle's first career was in finance. She was an investment banker with Goldman Sachs after graduating summa cum laude from the NYU Stern School of Business with a double major in International Business and Management & Organizational Analysis. At NYU, Michelle was also named one of the Top Ten College Women in America by *Glamour Magazine*.

Michelle and her husband, Mickey, love the adventure of doing life together as a ministry couple. Mickey serves with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's Graduate and Faculty Ministries at Northwestern University. As much as Michelle and Mickey enjoy making and deepening disciples in ministry, they treasure doing so even more at home with their two favorite disciples in the world, their son Seth (9) and daughter Hope (6).