



Convention Update from January 16th

Daily Update

SELC Convention Opens with Worship and Celebration

The 2025 SELC District Convention opened on Thursday evening with the theme "*Called to be Light*" based on Paul's words from Acts 13:47, "For so the Lord has commanded us saying, 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" We were blessed in our opening service by a message delivered by LCMS President Matthew Harrison who reminded us that we are called to be light in every place we go, even in the darkness that we see gathering in our lives and in our world. During our service, we were able to rejoice as Rev. Miguel Torneire was installed as the SELC's newest missionary to the Hispanic population in St. Louis. After the conclusion of our service, we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship while Mt. Eleanor Traveling Band, led by Rev. Adam Barcott, provided entertainment. It is exciting to be gathered from all corners of our "district without borders" to learn what God is doing and how we can go into our communities refreshed and renewed as we are all *Called to be Light*!



Pictured below is President Vinovskis, Rev. Miguel Torneire, and President Harrison

Pictured below is President Vinovskis installing Rev. Miguel Torneire



Pictured above from left to right: Rev. Ron Meyr, Rev. Mark Larson, Rev. John Telloni, Rev. Wally Arp, SELC President Vinovskis, Rev. Miguel Torneire, LCMS President Matthew Harrison, Rev. Carl Kruger, Rev. George Hansell, Rev. Chris Cahill, Rev. James Fernandez.

Pictured below is the New City Church band Mt. Eleanor Traveling band



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