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**Festival Celebrates Light of Diverse Cultures and Faith Traditions  
at Philadelphia's Historic Simpson House**

**Philadelphia, PA, December 10, 2025** – Simpson House celebrates how light is represented across different cultural and faith traditions at its third annual Festival of Lights, a campus-wide holiday event. Residents and staff will share stories, music, and special treats that reflect eight religious and cultural themes, creating an evening of community, connection, and joy. The Simpson House Festival of Lights celebrates the diverse cultures on its campus by highlighting eight religious and cultural themes: Diwali, Advent, Christmas, Lucia, Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Ramadan.

The religious and cultural themes celebrated at the Festival of Lights start in the fall, continue throughout the winter and into the spring. The common thread among these themes is the use of light, symbolizing light overcoming darkness. The Festival of Lights gives the Simpson community an opportunity to come together, connect with friends and family, and enjoy delicious holiday foods and treats.

“This is one of our most treasured events celebrating the breadth of the different cultures at Simpson,” said Dr. Carol McKinley, Simpson President and CEO. “We are grateful for the hard work of our residents to bring our diverse community together. This event truly embodies the spirit of community collaboration we have at Simpson.”

**About Simpson House**

Simpson House is one of Philadelphia's most historic senior living communities. Open since 1865, it is the longest-serving Methodist organization in the nation. Simpson derives great strength from its history of caring for older adults from all backgrounds and all walks of life, and is constantly working to uphold its position as a community, regional, and national leader in caring for and treasuring the lives of older adults. The organization continues to grow to serve more people with the highest possible level of care. For more information, visit

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