

Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community
DCS MINUTES OF MEETING• Monday, June 27, 2016
DLC Meeting/ Pastoral Hour

Worship started at 8:20 pm and ended at 9:10 pm
Management was sponsoring Apostolate

Readings for June 27, 2016

Prophecies:

1. *Trust me, I will not make you a place where my grace can not sustain it.*
2. *We have a calling...we have a calling...persevere.*
3. *BLD your challenges are many. Do not run away from work. Do what you can. God will provide the rest.*

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A G E N D A:

Management Stewards- Gerry Canlas presented the Agenda containing 2 points:

- a. **New Evangelization Initiatives**- the powerpoint on some initial brainstorming ideas was presented by Gerry Canlas - MS - and will be emailed to the DLC;
- b. Lengthy discussion ensued:
 - i. The struggles we face as a community - even the larger church, the parishes are conducting other programs/retreat to keep their parishioners, beset with financial problems
 - ii. For the leadership to consider: scheduling, avoid holidays such as Father's Day; we have to be good witnesses ourselves so Jesus is seen in us and to "live by the Spirit"; make your scripts and hand-out handy all the time;
 - iii. Discussion on retention- too many activities, too lengthy; teaching is scheduled once a month only to give more family time and reflecting back on the bible, even some disciples left too when the going got tough,
 - iv. Some words of exhortation - ask ourselves why are we here today? We are doing the work of God, we are His arms and feet and we have actually been used by the Holy Spirit to change lives. We cannot stop doing the work of God; Our goal is for the conversion of people's hearts and we are nourished by the community activities. For some people who feel that something is missing in their life, they found an answer to what they are looking for because BLD has provided the situs for them to be spiritually nurtured;
 - v. Actions: We are told to "Come & Follow me"; Let us use the word "invite" instead of recruit, it is up to the candidates/members if they would like to stay or follow the Lord. The DSL stated thus far - the suggestions are

•“A person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.” Galatians 2: 16 (June 12, 2016)

1. BACKGROUND

- a. **•***Founded about 30 years ago**
- b. **•***“Covenant of Communion” as the governing laws of the Association**
- c. **•May 2009, BLD adopted The Statutes of the Covenant of Communion.**
- d. **•February, 2013 – CCSL was convened for the 1st time.**
- e. **•Resolution was passed to study and make recommendations on changes to the Covenant of Communion;**
- f. **•10/03/2014 Arch Lagdameo directed the ECSL to review & restate the Statutes in accordance with Canon laws – purpose to secure acceptance as Private Association of the Faithful by CBCP & Vatican.**
- g. **•The ECSL of 2012 made certain recommendations to Arch Lagdameo**
- h. **•Arch Lagdameo sought the services of Msgr Torralba of Bohol, a Canon lawyer who gave a seal of approval to the draft of the Revised Statutes**
- i. **•Arch Lagdameo submitted the revised draft to Arch Villegas who approved in behalf of the CBCP the New Statutes**
- j. **•January 15, 2016 BLD Statutes – Constitution and By-Laws was approved by CBCP.**

2. RESULTING EFFECT

- a. ***Nationally (Philippines) – Private Association of the Faithful**
- b. ***Juridic personality in accord with Canon Law**
- c. ***CSL (nee ECSL) is mandated to:**
 - i. **•To review existing policies and guidelines to re-align to New Statutes**
 - ii. **•To apply for recognition of the Vatican as Private Association of Christ Faithful**

3. CHANGES:

- a. **NAME :**
 - i. **Old - Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community or BLD Covenant Community**
 - ii. **•New – Bukas Loob sa Diyos Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community or BLD Community. Translation of “Open in Spirit to God” may be used but Filipino name should appear underneath**
- b. **•SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**
 - i. **•Old – No tenure & appointed by Local Bishop upon request of the CSD (Arch Lagdameo)**
 - ii. **•New - Tenure – 3 years renewable once – appointed by Local Bishop upon endorsement of CSD (Arch Lagdameo)**
- c. **•ECSL & DSL**

- i. •Old - ECSL & DSL
 - ii. •New – ECSL abolished & replaced by CSL – CCSL abolished & replaced by CSL and DSL and SDC– New name as Cluster Shepherd
 - d. •**FORMULATION OF POLICIES, GUIDELINES**
 - i. •Old – CCSL
 - ii. •New – CSL upon prior consultation with DCS/CS
 - e. •**Appointments of DLC**
 - i. •Old – DCS appoints Ministry Coordinators/District Instructors/ DIP with concurrence of ECSL upon endorsement of DSL
 - ii. •New -DCS appoints Ministry Coordinators, DIP, District Instructor upon concurrence/ endorsement of CS (Note- no more concurrence of ECSL)
 - f. •**Tithes & Love offering**
 - i. •Old- NOT part of the Statutes - Constitution & By-laws
 - ii. •NEW - are now part of the Statutes – Constitution & By-laws
4. **CONCERNS:**
- a. •**New Statutes were approved without prior approval of Full term & Full pledged Districts – Article V111 – Amendment to Statutes may be adopted by action of CSD upon affirmative endorsement of MAJORITY OF FULL TERM & FULL PLEDGE DISTRICTS. Reason for lack of consultation: “avoid unnecessary delays” ; “stifled the growth of the community vision & mission”**
 - b. •**District Spiritual Director – term limits but no term limit to CSD; Very difficult to get a Spiritual Director for lack of priest (or charismatic) in the Diocese ; limits the authority of local bishop as it has to be endorsed by CSD.**
 - c. •**The mandate of Arch Lagdameo in its letter (10/03/2014) to the Old ECSL 2012 is “to review and restate the BLD Statutes in the canonical language to conform BLD as a juridical person according to Canon law, secure a formal decree from the CBCP and secure acceptance of BLD with the Pontifical Association of the Laity in Rome.”**
 - d. **The old ECSL (2012) overstepped its boundaries when they substantially changed the Organizational Structure of BLD to consolidate powers to CSL as both executive & legislative authority.**
 - e. •**No changes in Emergence process.**
5. •**DEFINITION OF TERMS & ACRONYMS**
- ECSL – Executive Council of Servant Leaders**
 - DSL – District Servant Leaders**
 - CSL – Council of Servant Leaders**
 - CS – Cluster Shepherds**
 - CBCP – Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippines**
 - USCCB – United States Council of Catholic Bishops**

