

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community**  
**DCS Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 2016**  
**DCS Room, DMP Parish, Rahway NJ**

**Week # 3 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**Readings for September 18, 2016**

**Theme:** We bear the character of Jesus when we are trustworthy stewards of the gifts and talents He has given us

**Promise:** "He raises up the lowly from the dust...to seat them with princes..."  
(Ps 113:7)

**Order:** "Prepare a full account of your stewardship." (Lk 16:2b)

**Directions:**

- Use our resources wisely and prudently.
- Share our resources with those who are in need.

**Prophecies:**

- Seek more of those who need to see the light and live the truth and I will provide you with everything you need to care for them.

**Minutes of Meeting**

1. September Pastoral Hour

Action: Send out notice regarding the Pastoral Hour on September 26. DCS to encourage participation from the apostolates. Sponsoring Apostolate - Mission, Mission members to lead worship.

2. Steering Committee Inquiry

Action: Confirm with the Steering Committee that there will be a Disciples' Assembly on October 29.

3. September 30 Healing Mass with Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
Fr. Tom Ganley of the Divine Mercy Healing Ministry (Diocese of Metuchen) will be conducting the service. Determine particulars for the event.

Action: All apostolates are invited and will be present at the mass, there will be no ministry worship on Sep 30. Other ministry involvement - Secretariat to ensure the information is disseminated to all ministries and apostolates, inform Liturgy of the

modified format for the mass/healing service. Reserve seating for sick attendees. Alert Service regarding potential for increased attendance on September 30. Ushers - Class of ME#45. Praise - Adult Praise Ministry.

#### 4. Archdiocesan Events

**Morning of Mercy**, Mini-Pilgrimage, 9:30-12:30pm on Saturday, September 24.

Fr. John Gordon (Director of the Archdiocese of Newark, Office of Evangelization) sought the assistance of BLD and Divine Mercy Parish to support this Archdiocese of Newark Evangelization Commission sponsored event. Special guest is Msgr. Joseph Reilly from the Missionary of Mercy. For more information visit -

<http://www.rcan.org/evangelization>

Action: Disseminate information to members and friends. Encourage attendance. Parking Marshals, Proclaimers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers are BLD members and DM parishioners. DMP Contact: R/S Atienza. Praise by BLD Praise Ministry. Request MLA % E/Y Cruz, E/E Unay and Class of ME#46 to set up info table to invite/introduce attendees to the ME#47 in November.

#### **Lifenet 20/20 Vision Conference: Keeping our Goal in Sight**

Saturday, October 1 from 8:30am to 5pm.

Action: Last push to promote the conference. The Planning Team is recruiting volunteers to serve as auxies for the event. Volunteers can attend at a reduced rate of \$25/person. 40 volunteers needed. Pastoral Steward to follow up with volunteers from the Singles Ministry as discussed. Volunteers are required to attend a briefing to be held on Thursday night (Sep 29) before the event.

#### 5. LSS Allentown Report

The transforming presence of the Holy Spirit was evident among the 28 multi-racial attendees during the BLD Allentown LSS. This was manifested by their openness to receive the healing mercies of God and from their heartfelt testimonials. The weekend was blessed with the services of Deacon Serge Bernatchez as the LSS facilitator, the sharers, prayer partners and auxies from BLD Newark and BLD Allentown, and the presence and support of two charismatic priests, Fr. Cliff Bishop (Diocese of Allentown, PA) and Fr. Tom Ganley (Diocese of Metuchen, NJ).

Action: Continue to support the efforts of BLD Allentown to assist the Diocese of Allentown in renewing and revitalizing the Charismatic groups in the diocese and at the same time grow the membership and leadership of BLD Allentown. Invite members of the district to attend the Marriage Encounter#47. The group may become the ME core

for the district or diocese. Support plans of the district to sponsor a Solo Parents' Encounter.

6. Communique from Archbishop A. Lagdameo to Bishops of the North America Clusters regarding the New BLD Statutes (Sep 6). ECSL reported that the package addressed to Archbishop John J. Myers was mailed out on August 23.  
Action: Request Fr. Paul to verify if the Archbishop has received the communique from ECSL/Arch. Bishop Lagdameo and to set up appointment with Archbishop or his representative.

7. Clarification of Term for the District Spiritual Director from Arch. Lagdameo  
Action: Send to the DLC.

8. Blessing of discerned medical mission venue.  
Where: **Maasin, Leyte**  
Site of out-patient medical services: **City Gym**  
Dates: **February 13 to 16, 2017 (Monday thru Thursday)**  
Volunteer sign-up deadline: **November 18**

9. Reminder for Worship Leaders  
Observe deadline for submission of song list and counsels, timeliness, total length of worship inclusive of word sharing.

10. Long Term Calendar  
DCS to work with ministries under their apostolates to develop a moving 13 month calendar. Identify the target date, then start working on the venue and priest. Encourage apostolates to set the main events for 2017. Very important to share the Newark schedule with the Cluster for purposes of resource sharing. Identify a target date if possible upto 2 years in advance.

11. Line-up of sharers for LSS46B, Aspirant's Retreat, and John 6 Crossing.  
Action: Complete the line-up for blessing on the Sep 21 DCS meeting.

Present:

Evangelization - San Luis, Manny and Judy

Formation – Lucero, Jovy & Emily

Management – Canlas, Dimples

Mission – Bustos, Nong & Tricia

Pastoral – Olaso, Sam & Rory (PS for September 2016)

