



**Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community**  
**DCS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**  
**Rahway, NJ**

**Week#5 : December 25 (Nativity of the Lord)**

**Theme:** We rejoice in the coming of Christ when we experience the fullness of His grace and truth.

**Promise:** “I will be a father to him and he shall be a son to me.” (Heb 1:5b)

**Order:** “Testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.”(Jn 1:7)

**Directions:**

- Learn and live the Word of God.
- Be in a state of grace always by receiving the sacraments.
- Empty yourself of any resentment and unforgiveness to receive the grace of God.

**Prophecy:**

It is my light that opens the eyes of those who dwell in darkness so they can live in peace and testify to the truth.

**MEETING PROPER:**

1. LSS # 47 is rescheduled from April 7-9 to March 31, April 1-2, in order to avoid conflicts with Palm Sunday celebrations in parishes.

**2. There is a proposal to create an “Advocacy and Social Justice” ministry under the Mission Apostolate. Its primary responsibilities are the ff:**

- **To spearhead BLD’s involvement in the Pro-life movement, specifically, the 20/20 Pro-Life initiative of the Archdiocese of Newark, in cooperation with other dioceses in NJ. The 20/20 Project is an effort to ban abortion past 20 weeks (post-fertilization) in New Jersey by passing the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act by the year 2020. This is the first step to banning all abortions and attaining equal rights for all babies in the womb.**
- **To coordinate all events related to the Pro-life movement, e.g., the annual March for Life held in Washington, D.C.**
- **To act as liaison between BLD and RCAN.**

**The DCS will further decide on the description of the ministry and define its role in the community.**

**3. Due to plunging temperatures, marshaling in the parking lot may be limited to days when temperatures are above freezing or as the weather permits. Members of the community are required to observe parking regulations:**

- **Do not block emergency vehicle exits and thruways;**
- **Do not block empty parking spaces;**
- **Park only in marked parking spaces.**

**The marshaling rotation schedule will be maintained. An announcement will be made if the marshals will not be directing traffic in the parking lot for that evening.**

**4. The DCS and CS were requested by the Service Ministry to serve the community at fellowship on Friday, Dec. 23, 2016. They will also donate prizes to be raffled on that evening.**

**5. A 2016 Year in Review featuring the community's noteworthy events this year will be featured in the next edition of the CN.**

**6. All ministries that sponsor encounters, e.g., SPM, MLA, Youth, Singles, need to provide our Secretariat with a copy of their directory, so that the database of members is consistently updated. In like manner, the LSA is asked to update the Secretariat with the names of non-encountered LSS graduates. The weekly Friday attendance must also be sent to the Secretariat for recordkeeping.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:30 A.M.**

**Attendees:**

**Jovy/Emily Lucero**

**Gerry/Dimples Canlas**

**Nong/Tricia Bustos**

**Rory Olaso**