

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community
DCS Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

Week #4 **(4th Sunday of Advent) - December 24**

Theme: God's presence keeps us ready and willing to respond to His call.

Promise: *"The Holy Spirit will come upon you...nothing will be impossible for God."* (Lk 1:35a,37)

Order: *"Do not be afraid,...for you have found favor with God."* (Lk 1:30)

Directions:

- Imitate the obedience of our Blessed Mother.
- Say "yes" to the call to serve.

Prophecy:

- *"I will give you the strength and wisdom to accomplish the plans I have given you to do. Trust in Me."*

MEETING MINUTES:

1. Update by Evangelization Stewards on pre-planning meeting for:
ALL ONE IN THE VINEYARD - SERVING ONE MASTER

SPOTLIGHT on Ecclesial Movements and Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark December 13 Meeting. The Archdiocese Office of Evangelization was soliciting input from the various movements with regards to what they can do to help the parishes. They are inviting leadership of prayer groups to attend the conference. **ACTION:** Available DCS of BLD encouraged to attend the Feb 7 conference at Holy Family Parish in Union.

2. **Emergence 2018**

In preparation for the forthcoming emergence of new servant leaders next year, BLD-Newark was requested by the CSL to submit a member census consisting of the following lists:

1. Active covenanted disciples
2. Active committed members
3. Other active members (neither committed nor covenanted)

The Management Stewards emailed the DLC to submit the attendance list of their members. Attendance numbers maintained by Secretariat may not be accurate, as not all

disciples sign in, especially members assigned to the Youth, Singles, John 6 and Mark 10, and Solo Parents' ministries. Attendance sheets are to be sent to the Secretariat, c/o Tito Gene.Bautista@BLDNewark.com or in person, after every worship.

Members attending corporate worship more than 50% per quarter are considered active. It is incumbent upon the ministry coordinators, to determine which category a covenanted disciple falls under. There are some disciples who cannot attend worship, because of disability, e.g, but are steeped otherwise in ministry work.

Volunteers and/or regular members, who though neither covenanted or committed, but actively serve in the ministries are to be included. All lists must be emailed to the Management stewards, cc secretariat@bldnewark.com AND the apostolate steward. To date, only 3 ministries have submitted their attendance list.

ACTION:

- a. All Stewards to send reminders to their apostolate ministry coordinators to comply with the requirement above as soon as possible.
- b. Issue Save the Date for Emergence email for April 7.
- c. Management Stewards to approach discerned DCEO members and secure their availability, willingness to serve, give their oath of impartiality, and promise of confidentiality.

3. Our Lady of Angels Church

BLD Spiritual Director Archbishop Lagdameo, encouraged BLD to pursue a program to build a CHURCH, with Multi-Purpose Hall, within the BLD Covenant House Retreat Center complex in Dasmarias, Cavite, Phils. The Church will have a 300-seating capacity with a lower level multi-purpose hall that can accommodate 500 devotees. Donations, in cash and in kind, will be greatly appreciated.

4. Emergency Call Chain

In preparation for unanticipated snow closing during the winter season, we must ensure that our phone information relay is able to reach concerned members of community quickly and effectively. Send out reminder to the ministry coordinators/class shepherds % DLC to update all ministry emergency call chain.

5. Christmas Raffle

The DCS usually sponsors a Christmas Raffle which has become a small tradition with BLD. It is a thanksgiving for a successful fundraising and small gesture of appreciation for the support of the community. This year, the DCS will join with the Service Ministry who have also started successfully sponsoring a Christmas raffle. The raffle will be held on December 22 after the Christmas presentation.

6. The Management Steward will advise Treasury to prepare the community Christmas cards with token gift for the religious who serve in various BLD events including our hardworking cleaner Ed. ACTION: Management Steward to advise Treasury to prepare the checks.

7. Ministry Movement

Jun and Camille Viernes to move to Parish Mission. Approved.

8. Teachings for BLD-Allentown

Mission Stewards are scheduling much needed teachings for BLD-Allentown beginning early January, 2018.

9. Fr. Kaelin's Last Mass with BLD

Fr. Kaelin will be celebrating his last mass with BLD as the Pastor of Divine Mercy on January 5, 2018. The community will be invited to write him thank you cards to be collected by Susie Atienza on Friday, Dec 29.

<p>Evangelization - San Luis, Manny & Judy Formation – Lucero, Jovy & Emily Management - Canlas, Gerry & Dimples Mission – Bustos, Nong & Tricia Pastoral – Olaso, Sam & Rory (PS for December)</p>
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