



Bukas Loob sa Diyos Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community
DCS Meeting Minutes
March 10 & 12, 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2020		
Readings	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 98:1-2,6-7,8-9/Rom 5:1-2,5-8/Jn 4:5-42 -9	
Theme	We are transformed to a life of holiness when we worship the Father in Spirit and truth.	
Order	“... bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD...” (Ps 95:6)	
Direction	Attend Eucharistic Celebration and our community Praise & Worship regularly.	
Promise	“... whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.” (Jn 4:14a)	
#	Topics	DCS Meeting Minutes
1	REMINDERS: Community Health Precautions (COVID-19)	<p>The World Health Organization has just declared the Corona virus as a global pandemic. With the increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 virus in the United States, we need to be more vigilant and to be reminded more frequently of the importance of taking all the necessary precautions for our own safety as well as the safety of all our members and loved ones.</p> <p>During all our community gatherings, we strongly encourage EVERYONE to practice the CDC recommended hand and respiratory hygiene and other preventive measures listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice hand hygiene at key moments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ After touching surfaces or objects that may be contaminated, wash hands with soap and water or wipe hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer. ▪ Before eating, wash hands with soap and water. ▪ After using the restroom, wash hands with soap and water. • Practice respiratory hygiene (and teach friends, family members to do the same!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cover your cough and sneezes (i.e. into your elbow or with a tissue) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Immediately dispose of used tissue in trashcans ▪ Perform hand hygiene afterwards • Clean and disinfect common, “high-touch” surfaces and objects frequently.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid close contact with people who are sick. • Avoid touching your eye, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. • Wear a respiratory mask if having respiratory symptoms to protect others. • Limit physical touch as much as possible during greetings and any other form of interactions, please respect those who prefer, in these times of heightened sensibilities, to not shake hands, kiss or hug • Stay home if you are sick or may have come in contact with a sick person – “do this out of charity” • Observe and maintain personal health optimum and strengthen your immune system by eating right, enough rest/sleep and exercise. <p>Due to the coronavirus, the uncertainty of how widespread and impactful it is and/or could be and as a precaution, all NJ Catholic churches under the Archdiocese of Newark are already following the directives from Cardinal Tobin. Please review attached Memorandum.</p> <p>For more information about COVID-19 from CDC, please click links below: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-h.pdf https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf</p>
2	<p>ATTENTION! Rescheduling/ Postponement of BLD Newark Activities</p>	<p>The safety of all BLD members and our community is of utmost importance. After prayerful discernment and careful consideration of the recommendations of CDC/Health experts to limit large gatherings and close contact as an effective way to protect the people and to stem the spread of COVID-19 virus, the DCS, in consultation with the CS, decided to cancel or postpone all our community events for this month including the community retreat on 4/4/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Protecting God’s Children class scheduled on 3/14/20 ▪ Pastoral Hour/DLC Meeting on 3/17/20 ▪ CDFP teachings on 3/21/20 ▪ Discipling sessions for the month of March ▪ Bible Study on 3/24/20 ▪ Community Retreat on 4/4/20 ▪ We advocate for every human life especially the vulnerable, the elderly, the young and the sick. Hence, our nursing home visitation and soup kitchen scheduled this month are canceled. However, we will continue to donate food/clothing. ▪ LSS on March 28 & 29 will be rescheduled. ▪ Our Friday Praise & Worship

- Although we will not have our weekly Praise & Worship, we can still continue to pray together, as a community, by praying at the same time every Friday: Rosary at 8 PM followed by Oratio Imperata (attached). We also encourage you to pray this prayer every morning and night.
- Please continue sending your petitions to Intercessory Ministry using our [online](#) prayer request form, so that our intercessors can continue praying for your intentions.
- Please celebrate the Eucharist daily if possible.
- Please spend more time in prayer, adoration and word reflection.

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked... Rather, the law of the LORD* is his joy; and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted near running water, That yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.” (Psalm 1:1-3)

- You may continue to give your love offering and tithes using our simple online donation tool. The e-giving system is on the BLD Newark website under Ministries/ Management/Treasury.
<https://www.bldnewark.com/treasury.html>
 - For [Tithes](#)
 - For [Love Offering](#)
 - For [Mission](#)
- As the situation continues to change, we will continue to closely monitor the outbreak.

We are encouraging everyone to be extra vigilant. This pandemic is a call for greater prayer. Let us pray constantly and cast our cares and anxiety and continue to put our faith and trust in our Merciful and Loving God, Who is our Protector and bigger than all the diseases in our midst. Let us not panic. Anxiety will just draw us away from the grace of God. St. Ignatius tells us: God’s spirit “*stirs up courage and strength, consolations, inspirations and tranquility.*” So let us know our enemy and also discern the spirits. “*In short, anything that leads to despair is not coming from God. Anything that builds up hope is.*” Let us continue to cling to our Lord’s promise: ***“Blessed is the man who trust in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord.”*** (Jeremiah 17:7)

3	YLSS 25 - March 6-8, 2020	<p>God is good, all the time. And from all eternity, God is amazingly been good!</p> <p>We thank God for all things especially for all workers in His Vineyard. This weekend, as our beloved departed, Fr. Paul would usually say, was a miracle weekend and it happened because of the love, dedication and sacrifices of all who came to serve. From the study, action, and piety; from the praise both youth and singles, intercessors, liturgy, praise and food servers, marshals; to the sharers, shepherds and our inimitable Msgr. Schetelick. We thank Father God, our Lord Jesus, and our friend & comforter, the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>The community was blessed, lambs were blessed, and our Lord Jesus Christ was glorified, Amen! We pray for more of His love, more of His healing, and more of His peace in our lives.</p>
4	New Ministry assignments	<p>Please be with us in prayers as we continue the discernment of ministry coordinators and class shepherds. May the results of our discernment be in accordance with His holy will and inspire our members to accept their assignments with joy and gratitude to the Lord for the work of ministry.</p>
5	Lent Decoration in Divine Mercy Church	<p>Request from Fr. Alex: The church is now arranged for the season of Lent, please do not move anything in the church during Friday worship or Eucharistic Celebration.</p>
6	E-Giving	<p>Reminder: The e-giving system is on the BLD Newark website under Ministries/ Management/Treasury. If you cannot come to worship, you may continue to give your love offering and tithes using our simple online donation tool.</p> <p>https://www.bldnewark.com/treasury.html</p> <p>For Tithes</p> <p>For Love Offering</p> <p>For Mission</p>
7	FYI: Installation of the new bishops	<p>His Holiness Pope Francis has named Abbot Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B., Reverend Michael A. Saporito, and Reverend Monsignor Gregory J. Studerus, E.V., as new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Newark. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., announced the pope's decision February 27 at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark.</p>

8	Around the Archdiocese	<p>We will continue to avail of the “AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE” weekly service of the Office for Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Newark by submitting flyers for our major events for dissemination to different parishes and organizations.</p> <p>We are also asking everyone to print these flyers as they become available and post them on your church’s bulletin board.</p>
9	Marshalling Assignments	<p>April 3 - Mission Apostolate April 10 - Pastoral Apostolate April 17 - Evangelization Apostolate April 24 - Formation Apostolate May 1 - Management Apostolate</p>

Attendees:

Evangelization - Fil & Hum Flores

Formation - Gene & Bing Ymbong

Management - Vino & Beth Guiang

Mission - Nong & Tricia Bustos

Pastoral - Reuben & Cherry Vibar

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mt 4:19)