

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community**  
**Waiting on the Lord for March 2017**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

The meeting was primarily devoted to Waiting on the Lord for His order and directions to the BLD Newark community for the month of March, 2017. It was participated in by the DCS and the Worship Leaders for the month. The monthly WOTL consists of worship, quiet listening, prophecies and reflection on the liturgical readings for the Sundays in March 2017.

The ECSL's Community Word for the month provides a thematic framework (Theme & Promise) for the discernment of Word order and directions for the district. The weekly Theme, Promise, Order & Directions is the basis for, and is proclaimed during, our community's worship.

**COMMUNITY WORD FOR MARCH 2017**  
**(WORD, THEMES AND PROMISES)**

**READINGS**

**March 5** Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6,12,13,17/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11  
**March 12** Gn 12:1-4/Ps 33:4,5,18-22/2Tm 1:8-10/Mt 17:1-9  
**March 19** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1,2,6,7,8,9/Rom 5:1,2,5-8/Jn 4:5-42  
**March 26** 1Sm 16:1,6,7,10-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

**COMMUNITY WORD**

**True faith overcomes temptation.**

**ORDER**

***"Listen to him."*** (Mt 17:5b)

**PROPHECIES:**

1. Spend some quiet time with Me that you may hear My voice.
2. If you are fully determined to follow me, faithfully live My word and you will overcome any trial or temptation that you may encounter along the way.

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Be reconciled with God by going to confession regularly, especially during the Lenten season.
2. Deepen your faith through prayer, fasting and generous almsgiving.

## **THEMES AND PROMISES**

**Week#1** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)

Theme: We overcome temptation when we fast, pray and stand on God's word.

Promise: **"... through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous."**  
(Rom 5:19b)

Order: **"Listen to him."** (Mt 17:5b)

Directions:

- Be reconciled with God by going to confession regularly, especially during the Lenten season.
- Deepen your faith through prayer, fasting and generous almsgiving.

Prophecies:

- Spend some quiet time with Me that you may hear My voice.
- If you are fully determined to follow me, faithfully live My word and you will overcome any trial or temptation that you may encounter along the way.

**Week#2** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

Theme: We overcome temptation when we listen to God's voice.

Promise: **"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you."** (Gn 12:2)

Order: Rise up and do not be afraid.

Direction: Trust that the Lord will equip you when He calls you to serve in ministry.

**Week#3** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

Theme: We overcome temptation when we do the Father's will.

Promise: **"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."**  
(Jn 4:14a)

Order: Worship God in spirit and in truth (Jn 4:24)

Directions:

- Pray constantly and read and reflect on the Word of God daily.
- Initiate reconciliation with a brethren and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently.
- Attend Friday worship and Eucharistic Celebration regularly.
- Share the victory of Christ in your life.

**Week#4** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

Theme: We overcome temptation when we remain in God's presence

Promise: **"Christ will give you light."** (Eph 5:14b)

Order: Learn what is pleasing to the Lord. (Eph 5:10)

Direction:

- Seek God's real presence in the Holy Eucharist
- Practice the Christian values of faith, hope and love in your everyday life.

## Business Meeting:

1. Due to the inability of L/G Vibar to lead worship on February 10, Liturgy suggested for the community to have a Eucharistic Celebration with the special intention for the sick members of community. Action: Approved. PS to email the M/E Belmonte to confirm approval of suggestion. Proceed with the planning of the Friday Mass. Announce to the DLC.
2. ECSL through CS is inviting Msgr. Paul Schetelick to attend the IDC in Manila this February. Action: Convey the invitation to Msgr. Paul. Planning for his attendance will proceed if he accepts.
3. All five (5) newly discerned Worship Leaders accepted their new role in community. Everyone attended the Worship Leader's Forum held on Saturday, January 28. The worship leaders are Fernando, Ymbong, Soriano, Guiang and Calingo. No action necessary.
4. Discuss 1st Friday moment to moment - Blessing/pray over/anointing of the following:
  - Medical Mission volunteers
  - E/B Canlas as Pastoral Ministry Coordinators
  - L/E Fernando as Singles Ministry Coordinators
  - New disciples, see below:

We praise and thank the Lord for granting the BLD community with new candidates for discipling. The Discipling Ministry, together with the Shepherds and the Teaching Ministry, would like to welcome the candidates in their continuing walk with the Lord through the Discipling Program. We welcome the following:

### SINGLES

Marielle Go SE 33, LSS 44  
Julius Lizardo LSS 44, SE 33

### COUPLES;

Morales, Almario ME 43  
Morales, Marylu ME 43  
Noli Chavez ME 38  
Rose Chavez ME 38  
Rose Lopez ME 42

### SOLO PARENTS;

Patricia McKiernan,  
Cristina Jacobo

## 2) Commissioning of ME, SPE and SE classes:

It is with great joy that we inform you that the following disciples have met the requirements for Commissioning.

Yvon Joseph ME46  
Nickie Joseph ME46  
Boyot Clarin ME46  
Gale Clarin ME46

Yanik, Joseph SPE16

Charmaine Belleza SPE18  
Blessie Ramos SPE18  
Dennis Grau SPE18  
Jude Patrick Alexis SPE18  
Rose De Verteuil SPE18

Carl Caparros SE19  
Jay Ymbong SE36  
Liz Ortiz SE32  
Stevie Olaso SE29

3) Request for a 2 minute talk about the Health & Wellness program by Divina Alba. Action: Approved.

4) Request from BLD Allentown to provide Fr. Cliff Bishop a copy of the new BLD Statutes & an official communication from BLD Newark to the Bishop of Allentown, appointing Fr. Bishop as Spiritual Director of BLD Allentown. Update/Action? Request Arch. Lagdameo to request the Bishop of Allentown to appoint Fr. Bishop as BLD-Allentown Spiritual Director.

**Present:**

Evangelization – San Luis, Manny & Judy Formation – Lucero, Jovy & Emily Management - Canlas, Gerry and Dimples Mission – Bustos, Nong and Tricia Pastoral – Olaso, Sam & Rory	Worship Leaders: Emil Canlas Dens Mantes  Manny & Arlene Mangalonzo - CS
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