

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community**  
**Waiting on the LORD**  
**For April, 2016**  
**Monday, March 7, 2016**

The meeting was primarily devoted to waiting on the Lord for His order & directions to the BLD Newark community for the month of April, 2016. It was participated in by the DCS and the Worship Leaders. The monthly Waiting on the Lord consists of worship, quiet listening, prophecies and reflection on the liturgical readings for the Sundays in April.

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 APRIL 2016**

**WORD:** The Risen Christ calls us to believe in Him and receive His mercy and compassion.

**ORDER:** "Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief may have life in his name." (Jn20:31)

**PROPHECIES:**

1. The power of My love strengthens and sustains those who serve the needs of My people.
2. Let your faith in Me grow with hope so that you will find meaning in being My disciples.

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Proclaim the love and mercy of Jesus by word and deed (in forgiveness and true reconciliation).

**READINGS**

April 3        Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/Rv 1:9-11,12,13,17,19/Jn 20:19-31  
April 10       Acts 5:27-32,40-41/Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19  
April 17       Acts 13:14,43-52/Ps 100:1-2,3,5/Rv 7:9,14-17/Jn 10:27-30  
April 24       Acts 114:21-27/Ps 145:8-9,10-11,12-13/Rv 21:1-5/Jn 13:31-33,34-35

## THEMES AND PROMISES

### Week#1 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Theme: We believe in the Risen Christ when we recognize His presence in our daily life.

Promise: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:29b)

Order: Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief may have life in his name." (Jn20:31)

Prophecies:

- Trust My word and check your conscience in every decision that you make.
- My cross I have revealed to you is a sign of greater things to come, My infinite mercy, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body.
- Do not doubt that I am in every detail of your life, entrust yourself to Me.

### Week#2 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Theme: We believe in the Risen Christ when we obey His word and minister to the needs of His people.

Promise: "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." (Jn 2:6)

Order: Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep, Feed my sheep, . . .then follow me. (Jn 21:15c, 16c, 17c)

Direction:

- Persevere as shepherds and watch over the lambs.
- Teach the Word of God.
- Enflesh the teachings of Christ and receive the Sacraments regularly.

### Week#3 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Theme: We believe in the Risen Christ when we follow Him in doing the Will of the Father.

Promise: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish" (Jn 10:28)

Order: Be an instrument of salvation.

Direction:

- Serve the Lord with gladness with the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit.
- Tend to the pastoral needs of those under your care.

### Week#4 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Theme: We believe in the Risen Christ when we live a life that follows His commandment to love one another.

Promise: "...the old order has passed away.... I make all things new." (Rv 21:4b,5b)

Order: Love one another. (Jn 13:34b)

Direction:

- To truly love, we must be willing to undergo hardships and sacrifices.