# **Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community**

# DCS MINUTES OF MEETING. Monday, June 27, 2016

# **DLC Meeting/ Pastoral Hour**

# Worship started at 8:20 pm and ended at 9:10 pm Management was sponsoring Apostolate

Readings for June 27, 2016

## Prophecies:

- 1. Trust me, I will not make you a place where my grace can not sustain it.
- 2. We have a calling...we have a calling...persevere.
- 3. BLD your challenges are many. Do not run away from work. Do what you can. God will provide the rest.

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### AGENDA:

Management Stewards- Gerry Canlas presented the Agenda containing 2 points:

- a. **New Evangelization Initiatives** the powerpoint on some initial brainstorming ideas was presented by Gerry Canlas MS and will be emailed to the DLC;
- b. Lengthy discussion ensued:
  - The struggles we face as a community even the larger church, the parishes are conducting other programs/retreat to keep their parishioners, beset with financial problems
  - ii. For the leadership to consider: scheduling, avoid holidays such as Father's Day; we have to be good witnesses ourselves so Jesus is seen in us and to "live by the Spirit"; make your scripts and hand-out handy all the time;
  - iii. Discussion on retention- too many activities, too lengthy; teaching is scheduled once a month only to give more family time and reflecting back on the bible, even some disciples left too when the going got tough,
  - iv. Some words of exhortation ask ourselves why are we here today? We are doing the work of God, we are His arms and feet and we have actually been used by the Holy Spirit to change lives. We cannot stop doing the work of God; Our goal is for the conversion of people's hearts and we are nourished by the community activities. For some people who feel that something is missing in their life, they found an answer to what they are looking for because BLD has provided the situs for them to be spiritually nurtured;
  - v. Actions: We are told to "Come & Follow me"; Let us use the word "invite" instead of recruit, it is up to the candidates/members if they would like to stay or follow the Lord. The DSL stated thus far the suggestions are

passive initiatives, and posed a challenge for more active evangelization, a sort of leadership by example. The DSL's challenge is for each apostolate to invite at least 2 couples in any given 6 months—challenge was accepted by the Apostolates.

- c. <u>New BLD Statutes (Constitution and By-Laws)</u> A powerpoint presentation was done by DSL Manny Mangalonzo [see the Powerpoint outline attached below];
  - i. Some of the answers/clarification in the Q&A portion: as to the question about the urgency on BLD Manila's part to have the statutes ratified by the CBCP with no prior consultation to avoid delay- Answer: only Archbishop Lagdameo can provide the answer.
  - ii. Recognition as Association of the Faithful may be given by the local ordinary, nationally or by the Vatican.
  - iii. The Statutes of 2009 have been studied by the Archbishop of Newark appointed canon lawyer. Subsidiarity is a Catholic principle wherein a small unit has its own control but in the new statutes it is non-existent
  - iv. Chito Ciocon former Shepherd of District Cluster West Coast also gave an overview of the history of the development of the amendment of the new statutes starting in 2005.
    - 1. In 2009, the approved statutes included the CCSL as the governing body which consisted of ECSL & DSL.
    - As of January 1, 2016, amendment was approved by the CBCP of the PHilippines and they called it Constitution & By- Laws. Their canon lawyer ratified that this is consistent with Vatican. Prior to this, a lot of recommendations reflecting the concerns and circumstances pertinent to North America has been raised for consideration but none of these are included.
    - 3. Lastly he stated as in Psalm 50:21, God will correct whatever is not fruitful.

Pastoral breakout sessions were not held in favor of the town-hall type Q&A meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 pm

Prepared by Presiding- Jovy & Emily Lucero

•"A person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified." Galatians 2: 16 (June 12, 2016)

#### 1. BACKGROUND

- a. •\*\*\*Founded about 30 years ago
- b. •\*\*\* Covenant of Communion" as the governing laws of the Association
- c. •May 2009, BLD adopted The Statutes of the Covenant of Communion.
- d. •February, 2013 CCSL was convened for the 1st time.
- e. •Resolution was passed to study and make recommendations on changes to the Covenant of Communion;
- f. •10/03/2014 Arch Lagdameo directed the ECSL to review & restate the Statutes in accordance with Canon laws purpose to secure acceptance as Private Association of the Faithful by CBCP & Vatican.
- g. •The ECSL of 2012 made certain recommendations to Arch Lagdameo
- h. •Arch Lagdameo sought the services of Msgr Torralba of Bohol, a Canon lawyer who gave a seal of approval to the draft of the Revised Statutes
- i. •Arch Lagdameo submitted the revised draft to Arch Villegas who approved in behalf of the CBCP the New Statutes
- j. •January 15, 2016 BLD Statutes Constitution and By-Laws was approved by CBCP.

### 2. **RESULTING EFFECT**

- a. \*Nationally (Philippines) Private Association of the Faithful
- b. \*Juridic personality in accord with Canon Law
- c. \*CSL (nee ECSL) is mandated to:
  - i. •To review existing policies and guidelines to re-align to New Statutes
  - ii. •To apply for recognition of the Vatican as Private Association of Christ Faithful

#### 3. CHANGES:

#### a. NAME:

- Old Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community or BLD Covenant Community
- ii. •New Bukas Loob sa Diyos Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community or BLD Community. Translation of "Open in Spirit to God" may be used but Filipino name should appear underneath

## b. •SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

- i. •Old No tenure & appointed by Local Bishop upon request of the CSD (Arch Lagdameo)
- ii. •New Tenure 3 years renewable once appointed by Local Bishop upon endorsement of CSD (Arch Lagdameo)
- c. •ECSL & DSL

- i. •Old ECSL &DSL
- ii. •New ECSL abolished & replaced by CSL CCSL abolished & replaced by CSL and DSL and SDC– New name as Cluster Shepherd
- d. •FORMULATION OF POLICIES, GUIDELINES
  - i. •Old CCSL
  - ii. •New CSL upon prior consultation with DCS/CS
- e. •Appointments of DLC
  - i. •Old DCS appoints Ministry Coordinators/District Instructors/ DIP with concurrence of ECSL upon endorsement of DSL
  - ii. •New -DCS appoints Ministry Coordinators, DIP, District Instructor upon concurrence/ endorsement of CS (Note- no more concurrence of ECSL)
- f. •Tithes & Love offering
  - i. •Old- NOT part of the Statutes Constitution & By-laws
  - ii. •NEW are now part of the Statutes Constitution & By-laws

#### 4. CONCERNS:

- a. •New Statutes were approved without prior approval of Full term & Full pledged Districts Article V111 Amendment to Statutes may be adopted by action of CSD upon affirmative endorsement of MAJORITY OF FULL TERM & FULL PLEDGE DISTRICTS. Reason for lack of consultation: "avoid unnecessary delays"; "stifled the growth of the community vision & mission"
- b. •District Spiritual Director term limits but no term limit to CSD; Very difficult to get a Spiritual Director for lack of priest (or charismatic) in the Diocese; limits the authority of local bishop as it has to be endorsed by CSD.
- c. •The mandate of Arch Lagdameo in its letter (10/03/2014) to the Old ECSL 2012 is "to review and restate the BLD Statutes in the canonical language to conform BLD as a juridical person according to Canon law, secure a formal decree from the CBCP and secure acceptance of BLD with the Pontifical Association of the Laity in Rome."
- d. The old ECSL (2012) overstepped its boundaries when they substantially changed the Organizational Structure of BLD to consolidate powers to CSL as both executive & legislative authority.
- e. ·No changes in Emergence process.

# 5. • DEFINITION OF TERMS & ACRONYMS

- •ECSL Executive Council of Servant Leaders
- DSL District Servant Leaders
- CSL Council of Servant Leaders
- **•CS Cluster Shepherds**
- •CBCP Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippines
- USCCB United States Council of Catholic Bishops

- CSD Community Spiritual Director
- DSD District Spiritual Directors
- •Association of the Faithful Groups or association of Catholics layman, clergies or both who according to Canon Laws jointly foster a more perfect spiritual life or promote public worship/r Christian teaching, who devote to other works of the apostolate. Recognition could be from local Bishop or Ecclesiastical Association of Bishops (Nationally) or from Vatican (international).

"These things have you done, and I kept silence; you thought that I was altogether such as one as yourself: but I reprove you, and set them in order before your eyes." Psalm 50:21 (June 29, 2016)

#### •Questions:

	<b>REGARDING</b>	The mandate of	Arch Lago	lameo in its	letter (	(10/03/2014)	)
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- O •AFTER 25 YEARS OF OPERATING AS BLD GLOBAL WHY IS THERE NOW A RUSH
- WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES- RECOGNITION, WIKIPEDIA LISTING, VATICan benefits
- •REGARDING -- The mandate of Arch Lagdameo in its letter (10/03/2014) .....
  - What is its effect on BLDNewark's status as a lay association of the faithful in the RCAN
  - Effect on these ecclesiastical principles:
    - •The relationship between church office and charismatic authority
    - subsidiarity
- Regarding old ECSL overstepping boundaries
  - •Is the usurpation of power by ECSL and violation of the rules regarding amending the statutes render the new statutes null and void ab initio (from the beginning)?
  - O •Does the ratification of the CBCP correct all these defects?

#### "ACTION ITEMS FOR BLD NEWARK??:

- AMENDMENT??
- REGISTER PROTEST MADE PART OF THE RECORDS BEFORE THE CBCP.