



Bukas Loob sa Diyos Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community
DCS Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2018 (7:30 PM – 12:00 AM)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 22, 2018	
Readings	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Theme	Unshakeable faith enables us to lead others to a deeper understanding of Christ's teachings.
Order	"...Gather the remnant of my flock ...and bring them back....." (Jer 23:3)
Directions	1. Attend teachings regularly. 2. Reach out and encourage members of community to participate in continuing formation for their spiritual growth.
Promise	"I will appoint shepherds for them ... so that they need no longer fear..." (Jer 23:4)

#	Topics	Discussion
1	Tito Eliong/Tita Leah Sison's Visit	<p>Background: They have served as BLD Community's CSL for a very long time and had been very instrumental and hands-on in forming the early years of BLD Newark via teachings and retreats, discernments and as ME sharers. Their forte is on prayers, healing and community building.</p> <p><u>Discussed the following topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible Reasons for dwindling Friday Worship & First Friday Eucharistic Celebration attendance • DLC Empowerment, Community Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realize BLD Newark is a spiritual community where Jesus Christ is the True Foundation. • Members need to have continuing relationship with Jesus Christ with daily personal prayer time, reading and obeying God's Word, frequent reception of the Sacraments. • Renewing the "fire of the Holy Spirit " during the Encounter Weekend and LSS by the Exercise of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Praising God by praying in tongues in personal prayer time.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realize that all members participate in building the community, in building up one another, being concerned with one another, bestowing blessings, ever forgiving instead of harboring resentments. Avoid spreading negative remarks instead be able to dialogue with one another. • Being opened to spread the Good News of Jesus to the parishes and to the spiritual and materially poor. • Taking time to prepare spiritually daily and especially when attending Worship and other community activities. • Importance of Pastoral Care • There are too many activities, members feeling overwhelmed or burned out. We need to slow-down, to rest awhile; we need look at our community activities, what can we improve? <p><i>Questions to reflect on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are we offering members good worship? • Do members feel a sense of belonging? • Do members come to Praise and Worship spiritually prepared? Is there a strong desire to worship the Lord?
2	First Friday ~ Eucharistic Celebration on August 3, 2018	Fr. Alex – main celebrant Fr. Paul Lehman & Fr. Robert Lamirez - concelebrants Additional events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blessings of DYC, Youth Praise Coordinators, MLA Coordinators & LSS #50 Team Coordinators • Commitment Ceremony.
3	LSS #50 Team Coordinators	Praise be to God for the following disciples who said YES to His invitation to serve Him in the upcoming LSS #50 (October 12-14): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar Coordinators: Elmer/Weng Agapito • Action Team Coordinators and ME49 Sponsoring Class Shepherds: Danny/Cora Labung: • Singles Action Team Coordinators: Julius Lizardo & Carl Capparos

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piety Team Coordinators: Ellen Celis & Cris Jacobo • ME Shepherds Coordinators: Tony/Marlene Brillantes • SPE Shepherds Coordinators: Mat/Precy Yap • SE Shepherds Coordinators: Nelson/Rose Manzo • ME Sponsoring Class Shepherds: Danny/Cora Labung • SPE Sponsoring Class Shepherds: Caezar/Vicki Rasalan • SE Sponsoring Class Shepherds: Oliver/Marissa Rangel • LSA Ministry Coordinators: Earl/Flo Manguiat
4	YE 25 (July 13-15, Fellowship Deaconry, NJ)	<p>What an awesome God we serve! 19 YE #25 graduates!</p> <p>Let us welcome our new graduates with gladness.</p>
5	FE 25 (July 20-22, Malvern, PA)	<p>7 families have submitted their application forms</p> <p>Everyone is asked to pray for a spirit-filled encounter weekend and to intercede for all the family candidates, pastoral team, and all workers in the vineyard.</p>
6	Retreat House Site Visit (Sacred Heart Center, Newton NJ) Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: July 14th • Attendees: Tony/Marlene Brillantes (John 6), Ed/Susan Fabe (FLA), Efren/Yolly Cruz (MLA Coordinators), Cherry Vibar (Pastoral), Vino/Beth (Treasury), and Fil/Hum Flores (Evangelization) • PROS: very clean, available church/chapel for vigil, sufficient conference area, huge dining and lounge areas, Catholic retreat house • CONS: Very limited dates availability • For ME: No available dates in November from 2018 to 2021. The only weekend available in May is the Memorial Day weekend. • \$195 per person (with additional costs: facility fee (\$300) & food on Friday night) • Cost comparison of different BLD events (encounters) with current venues is being reviewed.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This venue has been reserved for John 6 Crossing (2018-2022) by Tony/Marlene Brillantes. (Price for youth <18 years old \$140 per person for 3 days/2 nights) • Evangelization apostolate will continue to look for retreat houses.
7	Class Immersion Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ME45 (Shepherds - Fil/Hum Flores) undergoing Discipling and will soon be going for Aspirants Retreat on Oct 26-28, 2018 • SPE18 (Shepherds - Reuben/Cherry Vibar) will continue with Mission Immersion and will be the next batch of Discipling starting Feb 2019 under the auspices of the Discipling Ministry (Discipling Ministry Coordinators Tony/Tatess Abad) <p><u>Effective August 4, 2018:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ME47 (Shepherds - Manny/Nette Manguiat) will be moving to Ministry Immersion. The class will go together as one group on 2-months rotation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aug-Sept (Youth) (Ministry Coordinators - Wille/Mary Sumandal, Ron/Dina Pangilinan, Mario/Carmen Olazo) 2. Oct-Nov (John 6) (Disciples-in-Charge Raul/Joy Wong and Arnold/Cely Ocaya) 3. Dec-Jan (Mark 10) (Ministry Coordinators - Dhemie/Divine Alba) • SPE19 (Shepherds Caesar/Vicky Rasalan) will be moving to Service immersion (Service Ministry Coordinators - Norie/Miriam Abes) • ME 48 (Shepherds - Carlito/Arlene Claricia) will be moving for Intercessory immersion (Intercessory Ministry Coordinators -Dens/Mina Mantes. • ME49 (Shepherds - Danny/Cora Labung) will start their immersion with Service Ministry. <p>Respective Ministry Coordinators and Class Shepherds will coordinate transition and orientation sessions.</p>

8	Community Day on August 18th Update	<p>7/13/18 Meeting presided by FLA Coordinators (Ed/Susan Fabe)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval to hold Mass at Johnson Park obtained from Reverend Father Jim Considine (St. Francis Cabrini Parish, Piscataway, NJ) ○ Assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FE 24: Morning Worship & Eucharistic Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fr. Robert – Eucharistic Celebration’s celebrant ○ ME 49 - Marshal and Clean-up Committee ○ ME 47 (Manny/Nette Manguiat ~ In-charge), Solo Parents and ME 45 - Food Committee ○ Singles - Games ○ Solo Parents - in-charge of desserts and will bring 15 gallons of water ○ ME 45 & 47: will bring 2 gallons of water per couple ○ Each family will be requested to bring 2 gallons of water
9	Members’ New Ministry Assignments	To be announced on August 3 rd after the Eucharistic Celebration
10	DCS Formation Invitation: 2018 Teachers Forum	<p>Theme: The Listening Heart: Translating BLD’s CDFP for Evangelization Today.</p> <p>Main Speaker: Dave dela Fuente</p> <p>Invitees: All BLD Newark and other districts’ stewards (DCS), cluster shepherds and teachers.</p> <p>Date: August 4, 2018</p> <p>Venue: DMP Library</p> <p>Time: 1-5 pm</p>
11	Stipend for Eucharistic Celebration’s celebrant and con-celebrant priests	<p>Reviewed. No changes</p> <p>\$100 – celebrant</p> <p>\$50 – con-celebrant</p>

12	2017 Actual Expenses of all apostolates	Report (hardcopy and electronic copy) was distributed by Vino and Beth and is being reviewed.
13	Discernment of New Ministry Coordinators	This is proceeding. The community is encouraged to pray with us during the discernment process.
14	2019 BLD Calendar of Events and Activities	<p>This was submitted to Monsignor Schetelick and Secretariat Ministry on 7/15/18.</p> <p>Secretariat is in the process of uploading all the events/recurring meetings into the system.</p> <p>DLC and DCS have access to the 0365 calendar.</p> <p>Changes must be emailed to secretariat@bldnewark.com, cc: dcs@bldnewark.com</p>

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; 6there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.”

(1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

Attendees:

- Fil & Hum Flores (Evangelization)*
- Gene & Bing Ymbong (Formation)*
- Vino & Beth Guiang (Management)*
- Nong & Tricia Bustos (Mission) (Video call)*
- Reuben & Cherry Vibar (Pastoral)*
- Eliang & Leah Sison (Guest) (for item #1 only)*