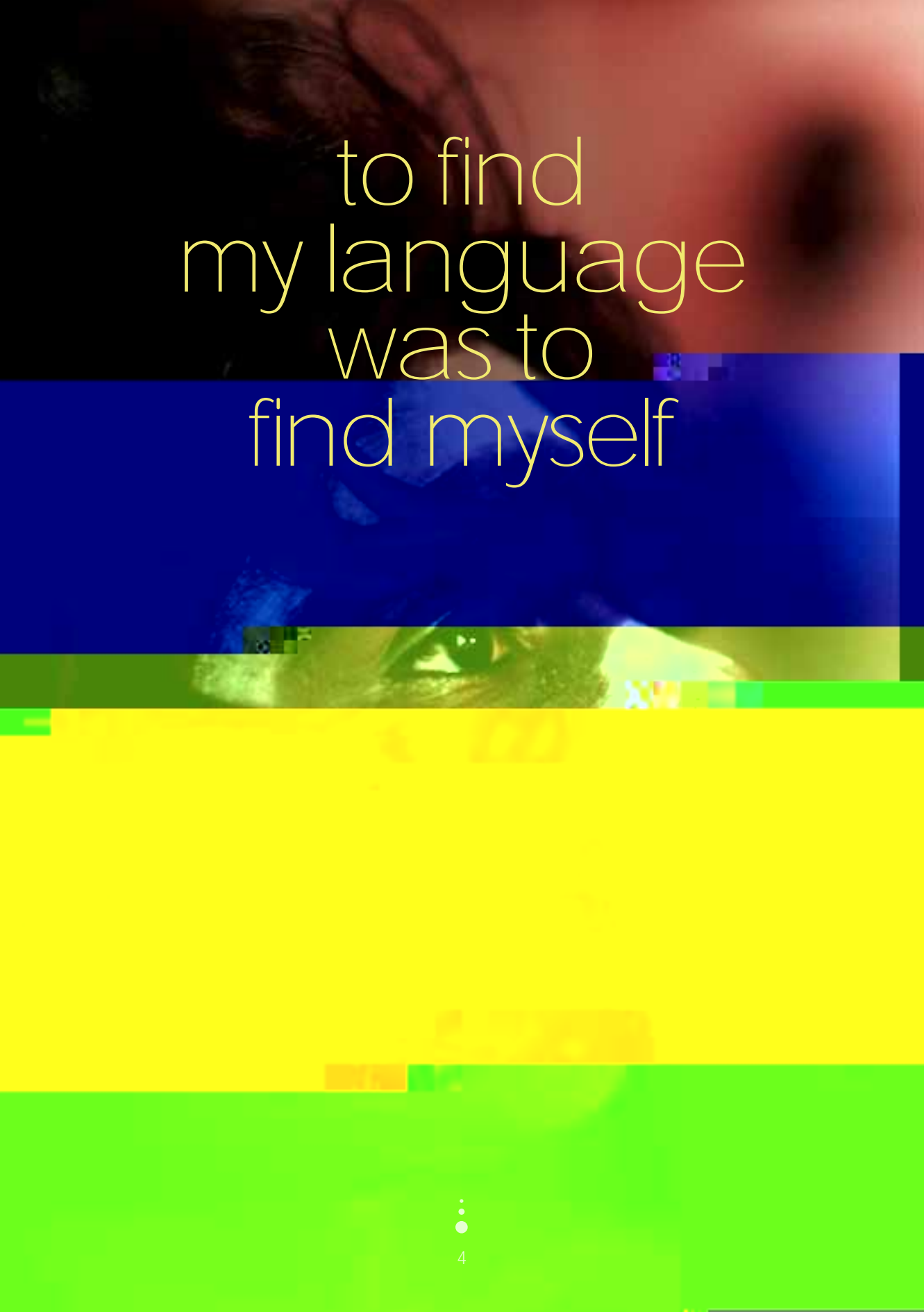
A person is silhouetted against a wall, standing on two tall, thin stilts. The person's arms are raised in a celebratory gesture. Behind them is a large, faded mural of a bison. The scene is lit from the side, creating strong shadows.

*"We express our gratefulness for the
contributions of those who have come before us.
No matter where we are in our lives we owe a
debt of gratitude to pioneering people who paved
the way, ancestors who gave us life t k pe ave come befo1*







to find
my language
was to
find myself

... a metaphor of voice & language

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Respond – Challenges that may assist us to advance towards what can be!

- 👉 How do we articulate our language and how does it empower us for mission?
- 👉 Develop an identity statement for our team, board, school that embraces our language.






the world is God's agenda!

**What's happening
in the world matters to God.
What matters to God,
matters to us**

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Respond – Challenges that may assist us to advance towards what can be!

-  How are we really present to the world we inhabit?
-  Do we hold presence and being alternative in balance?
-  As a team, how much time do we spend with areas of society we do not usually engage with?




the Congress through the eyes of the Touchstones

... a vision for education
that is liberating, inclusive
and reaches out in justice and solidarity
within a spiritual context
founded in the gospel.

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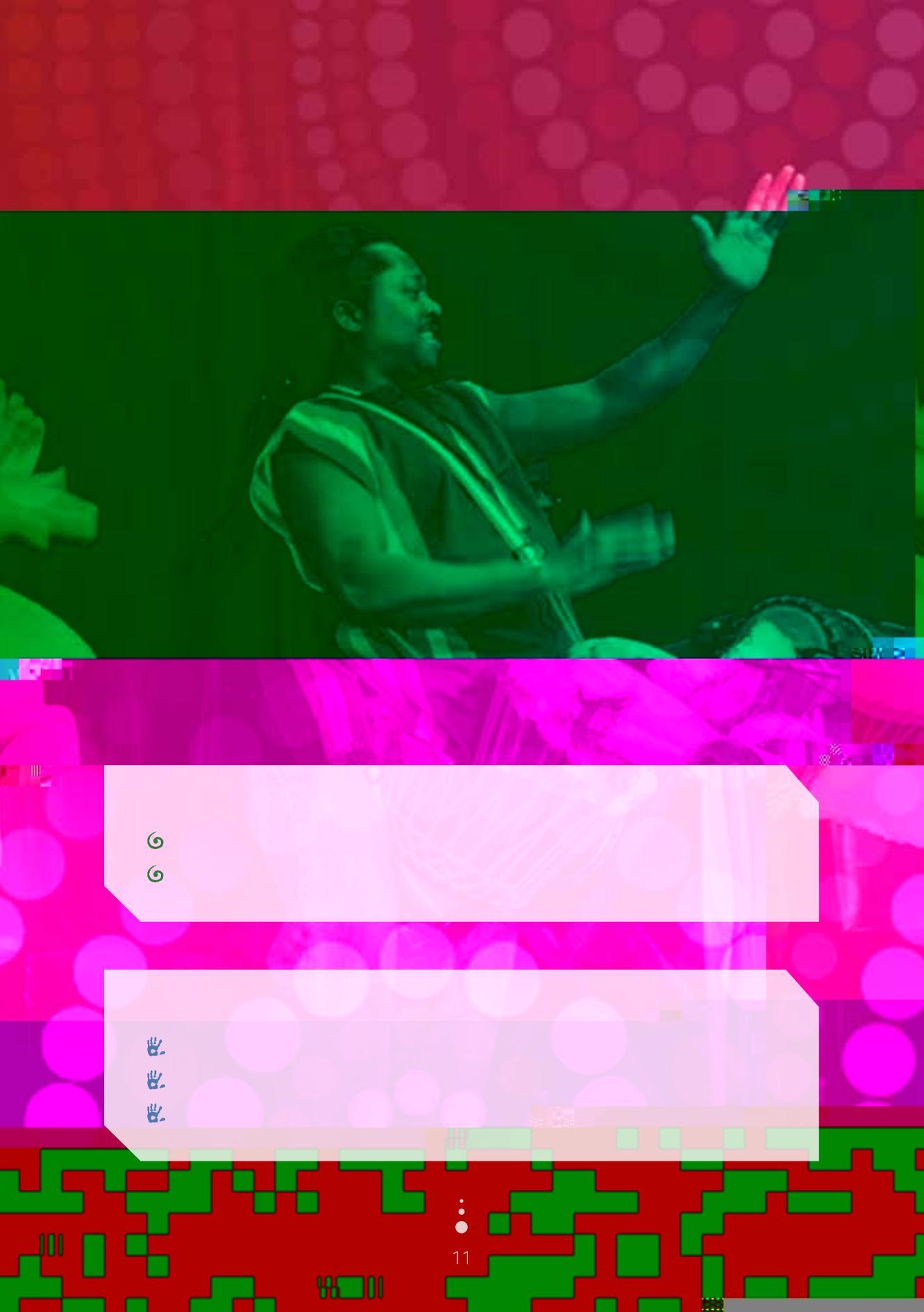


Respond – Challenges that may assist us to advance towards what can be!

-  How do we integrate the Charter Touchstones into our school programs?
-  Consider the role the Touchstones play in the reflection processes in the school/community.
-  Do we embrace the Touchstones within our varied meeting structures?

the rhythm of life

During the Congress the last morning
began in suspense!



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we are the church!

... the Church has always been
an alternative way of life.

Robert Fitzgerald, an Australian Production Commissioner, provided a provocative insight. As Brother Philip Pinocchio reminded us, the Church has always been an alternative way of life, Robert Fitzgerald looks at the inner life of the Church, and recognised the growing cynicism of many about institutional Church, and the problems of allowing his to go unchecked.



It is beyond dispute and quite unambiguously clear that two ranks exist in the Church that are of quite different nature, the pastor and the flock, in other words the leader and the people. The first of these two ranks has the rank of teaching, governing and directing people in life and establishing the necessary rules.' Of you and I, he said 'the other has the duty of submitting itself to the former, obeying him, carrying out his orders and paying him honour.'



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being authentic is an accounting of the heart

The Executive Director of EREA
Wayne Tinsey addressed the Congress
at its conclusion.

If EREA is called, as Wayne said, to an accounting of the heart then his is an accounting of the heart. I named the strength of the freedom of the congregation of Christian Brothers, the creation of the space of celebration priorities, and the commitments of persons have no easily measured. This is an accounting that needed to be pursued with the same seriousness as the more rational measures in which schools have long been familiar. He spoke of the ways in which EREA could become a national force of leadership in Catholic education generally and in the Edmund Rice network in particular.



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Sister Cyril Moone's mission has taken on the educational conditions of a nation of over one billion India.

Having taken over a school whose reputation as a billion-providing education for the rich and privileged, she began to be challenged by what she called the "social class of affluence", going on to say that unless doors are open to see it, one doesn't even see the poster. She told the story of how initially she opened up her school to the street children and slum dwellers, and then opened the doors of her privileged students as she looked for education on the streets and the countryside.

She offered the challenge that the need to interrogate our resources at least as closely as our curriculum if we are serious about inclusion.



a band of brothers

... searching new horizons.

The story of the Christian Brothers is a beacon for the educational mission of EREA. The incredible work of the brothers as pioneered by the Irishman Patrick Ambrose Treacy and his brothers, whose capacities for faith and hard work became so much a part of the charisma of the Australian Christian Brothers.

This Australian story has had its highs and lows along with deep regrets; however the contribution of these men to Australian Catholic education cannot be underestimated. EREA has been founded on the shoulders of the Christian Brothers whose mission continues to inspire us today searching new horizons.

"As he (Ambrose Treacy) stood at the threshold of his Australian adventure, he was not to know that he would see more of the country than any of his fellow passengers. In the years ahead his travels would take him from Melbourne north to the Gulf of Carpentaria and west to Kalgoorlie and Perth, with all places in between.....However

☞ *God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,
Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!"*

☞ *A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter
the course of history.*

☞ *I will meet the uncertainty and challenge of the days ahead with an open heart.*





we are
the world

... the limitless possibilities of belonging
to a global community

The Congressional experience challenged us to look beyond our shores and provided us with richness such an opportunity offered.

We gathered with our colleagues from around the world as an Edmund Rice Education family representing all continents. This experience opened our eyes to the limitless possibilities of belonging to a global community across the world.

The Director of Caritas Australia Jack De Groot helped us see the potential that his understanding has for how we might educate young people as global citizens.



who do we say we are?

This is how Marjorie E. O'Donoghue, one of the Congressional leaders' captured her personal experience:

**From darkness to light
the mystery is held.
Invitation to truth
alive with God's spirit,
the mystery is held
in fragile vessels. The light shines
that the stories may be told
and the mystery be held
by this community.**

It is a long way from the semantic summaries and intellectual abstractions that can be so frequent a part of such a gathering. We imagine the Congress as an attempt to engage people, hear and so I, body and mind, in our shared identity. We sang, we listened, we prayed, we thought, we dreamed, we ate and drank, we looked outward, we made symbols, we looked inward. It was a Congress of experience, not of production. The Congress experience continues to advance our goals that can be ...

Congress Blessing

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE FATHER,
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,

WE GIVE

BLESSING,

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AND WE PRAY THAT THE LORD
WILL BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU
FROM ALL EVIL AND
GIVE YOU
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