



———— **IF I HAD MY LIFE OVER - I'D PICK MORE DAISIES** ————
Nadine Stair (aged 85)

If I had my life to live over,
I'd dare to make more
mistakes next time.
I'd relax, I would limber up.

I would be sillier than I
have been this trip.
I would take fewer things
seriously. I would take
more chances.
I would climb more
mountains and swim more
rivers.



I would eat more ice cream and less beans.
I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I'm one of those people who lived sensibly and sanely, hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had to do it over again, I'd have more of them.

In fact, I'd try to have nothing else.

Just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day. I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute.

If I had to do it again, I would travel lighter than I have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall.

I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds.
I would pick more daisies.





———— **THE EREBB GATHERING IN KOLKATA WAS A CONGRESS
AND NOT A CONFERENCE** ————



Brothers during the EREBB Conference in India

The Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders gathering held in Kolkata on 1st to 6th October, 2016 was a congress and not a conference. One may ask, what is the difference between a congress and a conference? This is the understanding that led me to use that distinction: the event in Kolkata was prayerfully conducted by facilitators who guided participants through interactive sessions that resulted in an experience of soul-searching. God was put at the centre of the whole process and every guest speaker spoke to us about discovering God in the people we serve. The congress was preceded by immersion experiences, conducted in various places in India. We all found these immersion experiences very valuable. Nearly 200 delegates from all parts of the world participated. From East Africa, Gerald Mgalula, Scholastic Opiyo, Frank Manyinyi and I were privileged to attend.

Various persons had been invited to give presentations: Br. Hugh O'Nell, Congregation Leader of the Christian Brothers, gave an inspirational talk on how God calls us to listen deeply to the Divine. He encouraged delegates to work tirelessly for the poor to liberate them from social injustices. His encouragement was echoed by all the guest speakers including the former Congregation Leader, Br. Phillip Pinto, who encourage us to cleanse our hearts that we might see, hear





and feel the inner voice. He invited participants to embrace the bigger God by saying, God is greater than religion. He insisted that we must not allow anything to separate us from God. He warned us that “We have to be careful with religion, as religion can easily separate us from God. Whatever happened to Jesus can happen to any of us”. A day before finishing the congress, all 42 Brothers met at Damdam community to celebrate our Brotherhood. I now thank God for the opportunity. It was indeed an inspiring experience.

Simon Kaswahili

———— **ANNUALLY PROFESSED WORKSHOP IN ARUSHA** ————

The annually professed Brothers (year 1 to 4) had their workshop in Arusha –Tanzania for the first time ever! We had lively discussions on how life has been for each Brother throughout the year. Our main focus was to deepen our understanding on discernment.



L-R Brs Daniel Kyalo, Amos Kutwa, Silverio Wafula, Lawrence Agalo, Elly Sakwa, George Massay and Martin Khaemba

As we shared our stories, I came to realize that discernment is the freedom to make decision in the light of faith and the call of Holy Spirit. Through our experiences in community living, ministry and relationship with creation, God calls us to reach the fullest expression of our potential for the sake of God’s Kingdom and liberation of humanity. In order to make a good decision the best thing is to pray





for the gift of inner freedom to be open for anything that God may be asking of us.

A question was raised on “ how do I know if I am OPEN for discernment?” We realized that to be open for discernment means “I grow in awareness of all that is blocking my freedom to seek what God wants of me”. I need to be aware of and honest about my attachments to power, prestige, privilege, comfort, wealth, honour, pride and security.

For discernment to be fruitful I need time for silence. I also need to be in relationship with God and listen how the experiences in community, ministry and creation deepen my understanding about God and in doing so become aware of what I desire in life as a Christian Brother.

I was also touched by the openness of Brothers who willingly shared their life experiences. I feel that, such moments of coming together and sharing our experiences give us an opportunity to grow and encourage each other.

We thank Brother George and all those who supported us to make the weekend meaningful in our life journey as young as AP brothers

DANIEL KYALO

———— JUBILATIONS IN EFL AS CHOIR WINS COUNTY OF UASIN GISHU CULTURAL FESTIVALS ————

Monday 10th October was a moment of jubilation and dance as the Education for Life (EFL) choir presented their trophy and certificates after winning at the Uasin-Gishu Cultural Festivals held earlier on the 7th and 8th of October. The choir dressed in traditional attire, presented some of the items to the EFL family amidst ululations. The choir has now qualified to represent the county during the regional festivals to be held in Nakuru on the 2nd and 3rd of November.

The most striking element is the diversity of songs sung by the choir, their cosmopolitan repertoire comprising of all tribes and denominations. They were commended to be the only choir that sung a Nubian folk song and performed a Luo folk dance in a region that is dominated by the Kalenjin community. I was also moved by the great energy shown by the choir members, challenging many of the other groups that participated in the festivals. In unity and solidarity with the members, two of our staff Judy and Monica were the soloists of the Nubian and Luo folk song.





Education for Life Choir - Eldoret

Our challenge is now to mobilize resources to enable them participate in the next level. We appeal to well wishers to support our choir to achieve their dream of representing their county.

Angie Obutu

———— INVITATION FOR GRADUATION ————

There will be Form 4 graduation ceremony at Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School on Saturday, 22/10/2016. More than two hundred candidates will graduate with their Secondary School Certificates. The guest of honour, Madam Milunga, a retired Headmistress of Suye Secondary School, is eagerly waiting to confer the certificates to graduands. I now take this opportunity to invite you all to this special occasion. The success of the function will entirely depend on your presence.

Simon Kaswahili

The Catholic University of Eastern Africa will be holding an annual graduation on Friday, 28/10/2016. Simon Kaswahili and Chris Munialo are among the graduands. This message is to invite you for CUEA graduation at 8.30am followed by reception at around 2.30pm at Karen community.

Your presence will be highly honoured.

Simon Kaswahili and Chris Munialo

Birthdays

OCTOBE

23	TONY SHANAHAN (Sth C)
23	WYCLIFFE MAISIBA (Sinon)
26	SIMON KASWAHILI (Sinon)
31	TIM LOCKWOOD (Karen)





CALENDAR

OCTOBER 26	DLT Meeting
OCTOBER 28-29	Community Leaders Meeting
NOVEMBER 8	DLT meeting
NOVEMBER 21-24	PLT meeting (Freetown)
NOVEMBER 26	First Profession (Tamale)
NOVEMBER 30	DLT meeting
DECEMBER 3-7	DLT away for end-of-year review and planning
DECEMBER 12	Jamhuri Day
DECEMBER 16-18	District Assembly

Many blessings

George

