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The past couple of years have been a flurry of different storms, fires, flooding and of course Pandemic. Much a like the weather changing, youth and young adults have had to shift as lockdowns, mask wearing, vaccinations and gathering numbers have been limited.

Across the youth and young adults are many life stages – those just starting high school, those leaving high school, those entering adulthood and university, and those who are settled down with young kids. Each one with their own struggles as they go about their daily business trying to be the best that they can be. Such a busy time of life trying to juggle schooling, an income, a social life, recreation and spirituality. Such a difficult time of life trying to navigate what choice now makes for the best outcome in twenty or thirty years time. Over the past few months I have collected stories from youth and young adults about their time in the storm, what has got them through and how they have found peace amongst the chaos.

In this Youth Edition of the Australia Herald, we hear from young people across the Australia Mission on how the pandemic has affected them and also how their passions and careers are nourish their spiritual life.

Matt Wade writes of the difficulty of navigating Year 12 and the hardships that has brought him.

Rebecca Grigg talks of a change of studies to a career that feeds her connection to God.

Cameron Waugh writes of how his musical talents are not only a gift to him but are also used in service to others.

Asher Beaumont writes a song about how the pandemic effected physical gatherings.

Shar Francis shares about her experiencing receiving a care package from Community Plus and how it reminds her the community is still connected even without physical gatherings.

Alicia Turner writes how different the world is for millennials and younger and poses a few questions to see how your congregation or leadership team is creating space for young people.

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