



Welcome

Welcome to *Ka Mana: Hawaii's Interfaith Energy & Climate Connection*, a project of [Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light](https://hipl.org) (HIPL). *Ka Mana* connects our interfaith, decision-making, and advocacy communities in Hawaii's historic transition to 100% renewable energy and a carbon-neutral economy. Inspired by shared values, effective action, a sense of urgency for fossil-fuel-free Hawaii futures ASAP, and a vision of social, economic, and environmental equity for all, together we can do this! Welcome to this Historic Moment.

Vision for A More Sustainable Future

There has been a low-level conversation and pining for a more sustainable and resilient future in Hawaii for decades. Now, that yearning is a critical need to respond to the crises facing us. But crafting a vision, developing plans, devising strategies, and taking action require time, engagement, many voices, and a structure to guide it all. Sounds like a job for the faith traditions that for hundreds and thousands of years have offered and shared visions, created communities, and strived to live out what a just, sustainable, morally right, and abundant life can and should be. Communities of faith are needed now more than ever to co-create a better future.

These Crises Are All Connected

Bubbling out of these conversations about the crises of public health, racism, and the climate are the deep connections among them. Pursuing sustainability and justice means all these have to be addressed at once. It can seem overwhelming until we realize that getting to the root of our problems as human beings and living a life individually and socially that is right, just, and sustainable is what religion is all about. There are no easy answers: it's a life of dedication, learning, working, and sharing with

each other. But religious traditions provide inspiration, wisdom, guidance, prayer, and communities dedicated to shared values and goals for all of life's challenges. And religious celebrations bring us together around stories of hope and promise and affirmation of our shared values and commitments.

Stories of Transformation

Can we do it? Where do we turn? What actions should we prioritize? Will it make a difference? Religion, again, provides a rich history and tradition of transformational stories of people and peoples facing seemingly insurmountable challenges and overcoming them by staying true to their beliefs, values, relationships, and their faith. It doesn't mean we all think and act the same, but the stories emphasize that people have to work together toward common goals with shared values. In a multi-cultural and interfaith world, we now have the opportunity to create our own transformational stories.

Leaps of Faith

Let's get the conversation started!. Join us for HIPL's **2020 Leaps of Faith** event on Saturday, August 29 from 1-3 pm via Zoom. Visit hipl.org/leaps-of-faith-2020 for more info.

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