



## Welcome

Welcome to *Ka Mana: Hawaii's Interfaith Energy & Climate Connection*, a project of [Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light](#) (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.

## A Faithful Vision for Hawaii's Future

Our recent Leaps of Faith 2020 event brought together community leaders and people of faith to discuss a vision of Hawaii's future inspired by our faith traditions and motivated by our commitment to justice and prosperity for all, especially those most affected by climate catastrophes. This and our next issue of **Ka Mana** will summarize these discussions.

## Climate-Resilient Communities

Unprecedented natural disasters are increasingly common these days. How can communities prepare and respond to these expected disasters? Our discussion centered on building communities that are more connected, more diverse, more self-reliant, and thus better able to prepare for and recover from these disasters. Can we produce food, repair homes and businesses, supply electricity, and care for each other in our local communities? Do we know how to access these goods and services? Are we looking out for each other and aware of who is most vulnerable? And are we empowered to make decisions locally to create and sustain these conditions? These are the hallmarks of a caring, faithful, and resilient community.

## Biocultural Restoration

If these are the communities we need, what are the models for creating them? In Hawaii, the *ahupuaa* and *moku* models of integrated abundance have deep roots in Hawaii, and they are being actively restored to meet current needs and address future challenges. From *mauka* to *makai*, these models incorporate traditional wisdom and practice to protect native ecosystems, produce food, house people, govern social relationships and resource management, and create a spiritual and cultural sense of place at multiple scales. Common to all this is an understanding and embracing of interconnectedness and interdependence. In Kailua and Maunawili, Kaneohe and Waianae, and other places in Hawaii almost too numerous to mention, native Hawaiian and other groups are co-creating modern examples of these integrated communities, focusing on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable. Churches and faith communities are important partners in this effort.

## Next Month

Stay tuned for summaries of **affordable housing** and **sustainable community food systems** in our next issue of **Ka Mana**.

## Contact Ka Mana

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