

Faith Action for Community Equity (Faith Action, formerly known as FACE) is a grassroots, interfaith 501(c)3 non-profit organization driven by a deep spiritual commitment to improving the quality of life for our members and all the people of Hawaii. Through our common values and collective power, we address the root causes of social justice challenges facing our community.

Faith Action for Community Equity is the only organization of its kind in Hawaii.



## 2022 TOP 5 HIGHLIGHTS

- **1.Shut Down Red Hill** Clergy from Faith Action printed an Interfaith Statement in the Star Advertiser calling for the permanent shut down and removal of the fuel tanks at Red Hill. We mobilized over 150 leaders of various faiths to sign.
- **2. Housing: Transit Survey -** Our HousingNOW Task Force led us in surveying transit users to assess their affordable housing needs. As a grassroots organization our leaders are people of faith, people who care deeply about justice, and people who need housing.
- **3. Using Our Platform -** We are grateful for all the trust we have built with our community in the past 25 years. We use our platform to hear from those formerly incarcerated and people poisoned by the fuel lead at Red Hill. Our goal is to build up the real experts on our issues of injustice: those directly impacted.
- **4. Vigil at OCCC** Faith Action gathered our clergy, members, and community partners for a vigil at OCCC to remember the 23 people who died while incarcerated under DPS care in 2021 and to call for more mental health and rehabilitative care.
- **5. Ibasho** Faith Action brought in consultant Dr. Emi Kiyota to talk with churches on how to create Ibasho Cafes: socially integrated and sustainable communities that value kupuna. One of our member units in Kalihi is planning to become a pilot site for this project.

## BONUS: Ashleigh Loa - Obama Foundation Asia-Pacific Leader



★ We are proud that our Executive Director was selected to be a leader in the 2022 cohort of the Obama Foundation. Ashleigh's deep commitment to community and expertise in grassroots organizing for affordable housing set our work apart.