

FAITH FORWARD



Honoring Our Legacy & Building Our Future

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Initiative 4: Revisioning Honored Spaces for Sustainable Ministry

Revisioning Honored Spaces will allow the Conference and Foundation to envision new and best uses for church land and buildings held by the Foundation to support impactful ministry moving forward.

▪ Campaign goal of **\$1 million** for this initiative ▪

Opportunity

- As congregations decline, the financial sustainability of their ministry is challenged and questions about support for the land and buildings used in the ministry arise.
- Many church spaces hold deep and meaningful historical and spiritual significance for the Hawai'i Conference and the community.
- Some spaces have lost the historic congregations that once used them altogether, but still have graves and former houses of worship, ties to revered ancestors, and historical significance, and require continuing care.¹
- There is a desire to find sustainable ways to preserve and keep these revered spaces in mission use.
- We seek to foster collaboration and engagement within surviving congregations and the local communities around how to sustain these properties, facilitate partnerships in the community around them, and repurpose them to support sustainable mission work.

Implementation

- This fund will help to support and preserve honored spaces with potential for new or revitalized mission — by allocating funds for the restoration, renovation, and maintenance of these properties.
- Funding will also provide support to aid congregations in the Hawai'i Conference with their own visioning process to faithfully discern the best way to support future mission and stewardship at their site.
- A portion of the funds will be awarded to local churches in the Hawai'i Conference through a grant program that will make funds directly available to the churches, and a portion will be allocated to Foundation mission initiatives to facilitate new vision and use of churches on Foundation and Conference lands.

Impact

- Funding for this program will empower congregations in the Hawai'i Conference to embrace change, envision a vibrant future, and use their properties as catalysts for transformative, impactful, and sustainable ministry.
- Legacy lands held by the Conference and Foundation have deep and meaningful spiritual significance for many parishioners. Success in the program will allow mission sustainability for our legacy lands.
- This program will also establish training programs and workshops for congregations on effective visioning, property management, and sustainable ministry practices.
- Through collaboration with local communities, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders, the revised mission focus for our honored spaces will align with community needs.

¹ The Hawai'i Conference Foundation holds 63 properties that were once active church sites, and of those, only 38 have some form of active church activity taking place on them now.