An invitation to the East-West Center community by the East-West Center Arts Program in collaboration with EWC alumna & artist Meleanna Aluli Meyer

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You may also send prayer flags, fabric lei, bells, expressions of healing & prayers, etc. to be included in the installation. Please note that all mailed items, including original booklets, will not be returned. If you have questions, or would like to participate but are unable to mail a booklet at this time, please email us and we can facilitate your participation.

The KUMU Project is a call to action to the entire EWC ‘ohana, an effort to gather individual voices in a representation of community. Together we will create artwork as an offering, with a shared intention for positive transformation, healing, and renewal.

Designed for this unprecedented time we are experiencing, the KUMU Project brings together our international East-West Center community — alumni, staff, students, collaborators, supporters, and family members. We are each impacted by this historic pandemic in unique ways, yet it is a phenomenon that has been felt across the globe. It has been powerful to see the significant and varied roles the arts take during such challenging times.

Not an “artist”? No problem! Each contribution is valued and adds to the representative strength of our community. Participation is easy. Please see details in box at right.

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Visit arts.eastwestcenter.org/KUMUproject for more info and instructions

Complete the online KUMU Project form by March 31, 2021 (click here)

Sign up on the website for a free KUMU Project workshop with kumu Meleanna via Zoom, to connect with EWC alumni, staff, students, and friends (optional)

Create a simple folded booklet using a piece of paper and art supplies of your choice. A video on the website provides further directions. This project invites all participants to reflect on:

• Their time and experience at the East-West Center
• How their life has been impacted during the pandemic
• Their hopes and dreams for the future

Mail your booklet to the East-West Center c/o The KUMU Project postmarked by April 1, 2021 to be included in the project

Thank you for joining us!

Email: KUMUproject@eastwestcenter.org

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In the Hawaiian language kumu means teacher, tree, foundation, and source. This project honors the many people, places, and connections through time and space that have helped us grow, persevere, and thrive.

We also encourage you to contribute to the new EWC publication “Reflections on the In-Between: Life in Lockdown / Life in Community” (click here)

Submissions for this anthology are due on March 31, 2021.
For more information, please email ewc.inbetween@gmail.com