人間佛教的社會關懷

——以香港佛光道場在疫情期間的弘法為例

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摘 要

人間佛教作為當代佛教發展的主要思想和實踐模式,強調以出世的思想做入世的事業,透過制度規範和團隊共識走入社區,以多元化的文化、教育、修持和慈善關懷服務社會、利益現實人生。香港佛光道場是佛光山在香港的別院,秉承星雲大師人間佛教的理念,逾30年在地服務,涵蓋教育、扶貧、救災等領域,已逐漸成為香港佛教公益事業的重要機構之一。本文結合2020年初至2022年5月疫情期間的香港社會處境,論述香港佛光道場在期間的弘法因應:開設線上佛法課程,迷悟講談心得分享,達到教化之功能;直播法會遠距參與,引導信眾共修治心;更與政府機構合作,開展結緣防疫物資到方艙醫院、派送防疫關懷包、開通心靈關懷專線電話的慈善服務等,從中探討人間佛教之倫理教化和慈悲濟世的主要社會功能。

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Humanistic Buddhism and Social Care:

A Case Study of Hong Kong Fo Guang Vihara During the

Pandemic

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Abstract

As the main idea and practice model of contemporary Buddhism, Humanistic Buddhism emphasizes the use of transcendent ideas to engage in worldly endeavors. Through institutional norms and team consensus, it enters communities and serves society with diverse cultural, educational, spiritual and charitable care. Hong Kong Fo Guang Vihara, a branch of Fo Guang Shan in Hong Kong, adheres to the Humanistic Buddhism philosophy of Venerable Master Hsing Yun and has been serving the local community for over 30 years in areas such as education, poverty alleviation, disaster relief and more. This paper combines the social situation in Hong Kong from the beginning of 2020 to May 2022 to discuss how Hong Kong Fo Guang Vihara responded during the pandemic by offering online Buddhist courses, sharing insights on enlightenment, facilitating remote participation in Buddhist ceremonies, guiding practitioners to cultivate their mind, and cooperating with government agencies to provide charitable services such as distributing epidemic prevention care packages and setting up a hotline for mental health support. Through this case study, we explore the ethical and compassionate social functions of Humanistic Buddhism.

Keywords: Venerable Master Hsing Yun, Humanistic Buddhism, social care, Buddhism and society.