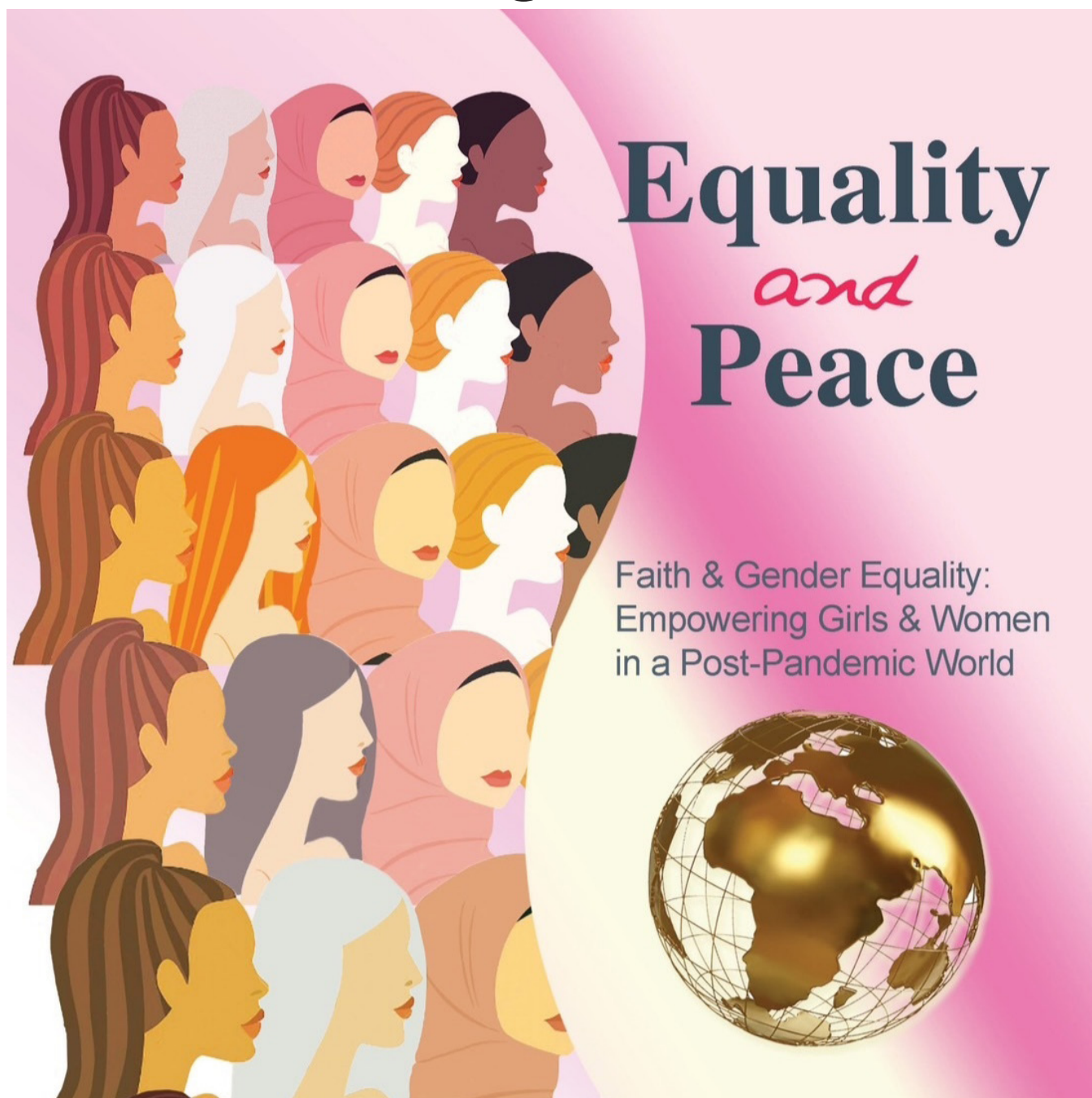


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## Buddha's Light New York



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Welcome to the 9th issue of Buddha's Light New York Bimonthly Magazine!

Every two months, we'll be giving you a glimpse into what Buddha's Light International Association has been working on.

From March to April, BLIA has made great efforts toward the equality and well-being of the global and local faith community.

We participated in the CSW67 Annual Meeting, hosted the side event to discuss about "Faith & Gender Equality: Empowering Girls & Women in a Post-Pandemic World", and more activities that made the world a better place.



## *BLIA in the Community*



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## *Equality and Respect*

1. *Equality requires mutual respect for one another.*
2. *Equality is being able to be in each other's position*
3. *Equality because all phenomena arise from causes and conditions.*
4. *The true meaning of equality is the same for one and for all.*

## *Peace and Prosperity*

1. *Promote peace with compassion.*
2. *Promote peace with eradication of self-attachment.*
3. *Promote peace with equanimity.*
4. *Promote peace with mutual prosperity.*

# 5th Participation of BLIA in United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Annual Meeting



Leaders from over the world gather at UN Headquarters to discuss gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls

On March 6th, the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, CSW67, commenced at the UN Headquarters in New York, set to continue for 12 days. The conference's theme revolves around "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls." Fo Guang Shan and the BLIA had 25 monastic and lay representatives in attendance at the opening ceremony, marking the fifth consecutive participation since 2018. BLIA will also host a side event on March 8th, focusing on "Faith and Gender Equality: Empowering Women in a Post-Pandemic World."

Upon entering the venue, participants from various other organizations approached representatives from Fo Guang Shan and BLIA to engage in conversations. The Bhikkhunis and members of the BLIA seized the opportunity to actively exchange ideas with women leaders from around the world, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and advocates of the women's rights movement. Through these interactions, the aim was to promote Humanistic Buddhism internationally, showcasing how its principles align with the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. This effort aims to bring forth well-being, education, culture, and charitable initiatives to the world, aligning with the ideals of Humanistic Buddhism and the UN's sustainable development objectives.



FGS and BLIA's efforts showcase that Humanistic Buddhism aligns with the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

On March 8th, representatives from Fo Guang Shan and BLIA visited the Civil Society Unit, Department of Global Communications of the United Nations. Chief Hawa Diallo warmly welcomed the delegation. Since 2003, BLIA has been granted consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), establishing its recognition as a non-governmental organization (NGO) affiliated with the UN. In the same year, it also received authorization from the UN Department of Public Information to become one of the NGO partners

responsible for disseminating UN-related news.

Fo Guang Shan and BLIA have a strong commitment to gender equality and women's and children's education. Venerable Master Hsing Yun's vision extended bhikkhunis' service beyond temples, reaching worldwide. Amidst the conference, women from diverse nations voiced concerns about gender inequality. BLIA's message centers on continuous giving, particularly in education across regions like Africa, the Philippines, Brazil, and India, embodying the spirit of women's empowerment and equality. During the visit, representatives sought guidance from Chief Hawa Diallo on connecting with UN officials from countries like Malaysia and Pakistan, aiming to collaborate in addressing local women's and children's challenges when needed.

When Buddha attained enlightenment, his first words were "All beings have Buddha-nature, all are equal." Hence, equality is a fundamental tenet of Buddhism. Venerable Master Hsing Yun asserts that in his eyes, there are no distinctions of gender; respect prevails. Fo Guang Shan has long embraced gender equality, with bhikkhunis taking on significant roles like abbots in its temples around the world. Both Fo Guang Shan and BLIA exemplify the spirit of giving, equality, and empowerment worldwide, establishing schools in resource-scarce areas and consistently aiding women and children in need, enabling them to access education and opportunities.



On March 8th, BLIA hosts a side event on March 8th, focusing on "Faith and Gender Equality: Empowering Women in a Post-

# The Metropolitan Museum of Art: An Encounter between Tour Guides and Bhikshunis

On March 9th, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City welcomed a special group of guests that left a lasting and uplifting impression on the volunteer tour guides. Monita Buchwald, representing the volunteer guides, Dean Malouta, a weekend tour guide, and Jeannie Tseng, a trainee tour guide, were all deeply moved. On that day, Bhikshunis from Fo Guang Shan and members of the International Buddhist Light Association were set to visit New York during the week of celebrating International Women's Day and participating in the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations and explore the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

As a tour guide, Dean led the Bhikshunis and others on a visit to the museum. He commented, "I received a list of art genres they might like or dislike beforehand, but once I realized the purpose of their visit, I threw that list out of my mind. It was evident that they were interested in every single piece of art displayed in the museum." He expressed that the monks and followers from Fo Guang Shan were filled with curiosity and a thirst for knowledge regarding art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and its history. He engaged in fascinating discussions with the Bhikshunis about the fluidity within the Buddhist theological world and how to interpret it in art pieces.



Bhikshunis from Fo Guang Shan and BLIA members visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Pandemic World.



Bhikshunis attentively listen as volunteers explain the collection of Buddhist artifacts.

Later, the group encountered Kathy Galitz, a "museum education professional and volunteer management" expert, conducting training for the volunteers to make them practice how to introduce an artwork. Kathy invited Jeannie Tseng to introduce a 7th-century Chinese Buddha statue, with a group of children attentively listening. Jeannie, a first-generation Canadian immigrant with Buddhist parents, expressed her joy as an immigrant to be in one of the world's greatest museums, describing extraordinary Buddhist sculptures to both New York City schoolchildren and Buddhist Bhikshunis. Kathy didn't want to miss this rare opportunity that was beyond her wildest imagination and took a photo to commemorate the moment. Jeannie added that without evidence, who would believe this truly happened? It was a magical moment in New York, especially at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Volunteer Dean Malouta and Bhikshunis discuss the fluidity within the Buddhist theological world and how to interpret it in art pieces

# Reflections on CSW67: “Different Roles of Bhikkhunis and BLIA” Seminar Held at FGSNY

On March 9th, BLIA hosted a forum at Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple of New York on the topic “Different Roles of Bhikkhunis and BLIA.” Five panelists shared their insights from participating in the CSW67 Forum held on March 8th. Nearly 300 attendees joined in person or through YouTube, or Zoom.

UN Chairperson Meibao He commended the spirit of the Fo Guang members in New York for swiftly completing the exhibition set up within a short timeframe, enabling the forum to proceed smoothly and successfully. She also praised BLIA for its unwavering dedication to various emergency relief activities during the pandemic, embodying the spirit of Buddhism's “boundless compassion and universal benevolence.”

Deputy Secretary-General of BLIA Southeast Asia, Venerable Juecheng, shared that the theme of this United Nations Women's Meeting is women's rights and gender equality. While this goal might take 300 years to achieve globally, Humanistic Buddhism, advocated by Venerable Master Hsing Yun, has long practiced gender equality. Therefore, it is essential to further spread Humanistic Buddhism to illuminate the world with Buddha's brilliance.



Attendees listen to the insights sharing by the five panelists. From the right: He, Meibao, Venerable Juecheng, Venerable Yonggu, Venerable Miaoguang, Venerable Juefan.

Abbot Venerable Juefan from Fo Guang Shan Temple of Toronto spoke on “Post-Pandemic Goals of BLIA.” She highlighted global mental health challenges during the pandemic and emphasized that Fo Guang Shan and its global affiliated temples will support community well-being through the Four Givings spirit.

Vice President Venerable Miaoguang from Fo Guang Shan Institute of Humanistic Buddhism expressed that for many years, she has served as simultaneous English translator for Venerable Master Hsing Yun and witnessed his lifelong advocacy for gender equality, as well as his embodiment of the spirit of “giving.” Fo Guang Shan's equal treatment of Bhikkhunis inspires their potential and



Venerable Chueh Lin, the abbot of FGSNY, expresses deep gratitude for the opportunity for Bhikkhunis to spreading the universal values of Buddhism to more people

spreads teachings across five continents, showcasing the remarkable contribution of Humanistic Buddhism. Although Venerable Master Hsing Yun may not see or move, he continues to use his life and determination to create one-stroke calligraphy, supporting underprivileged children's education. Every Fo Guang Shan Follower carries forward these spirits.

Venerable Yonggu emphasized that although the pandemic is winding down, the world's suffering continues. To face future challenges and promote world peace, we need to uphold the belief in “interdependence, coexistence, and mutual prosperity.” She encouraged everyone to keep learning and continue advocating Venerable Master Hsing Yun's ideals of “equality” and “peace,” allowing “Humanistic Buddhism” to flourish on the international stage.

In conclusion, Venerable Chueh Lin, the abbot of FGSNY, expressed deep gratitude for this opportunity, especially for Buddhism and Bhikkhunis standing on the stage of the United Nations to embody Master Hsing Yun's Humanistic Buddhism, spreading the universal values of Buddhism to more people. The Venerable also thanked the outstanding Bhikkhunis from Fo Guang Shan's temples worldwide for shining brightly on the international stage, creating stronger synergy for FGSNY and BLIA NY. She hoped that every year, and on various issues, the compassion and benefits of Buddhism for all beings could be expressed.



Venerable Miaoguang, the Vice President of Fo Guang Shan Institute of Humanistic Buddhism shares how Venerable Master Hsing Yun's prayer deeply moved American people in 2001, when he prays amidst the ruins of the World Trade Center in New York

# The First Songhe Senior Academy Opening Ceremony

## Helping Senior Students Improve Their Quality of Life



Songhe Academy teachers and students joyfully gather together

The First Opening Ceremony of Songhe Senior Academy at Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple of New York was held on March 15th with a total of 30 participants, mostly senior volunteers who serve at the temple for many years. The ten-week Songhe Senior Academy offers over 30 diverse courses, including tea Zen, smartphone use, health exercises, film-book discussion club, handicrafts, Tai Chi, spiritual cultivation, and special lectures.



Yanrong Si teaches health exercises



Abbot Venerable Chueh Lin gives tea Zen class



Ven. You Lin Led the Art Class



Exercises led by Ven. Chueh Rang



Making Red Lanterns

The first class was a health exercise session led by the energetic and youthful Yanrong Si. She energized the atmosphere by chanting slogans and demonstrating movements, filling the venue with lively footsteps. The second class was taught by Venerable Zhiqun, who instructed the participants on how to use smartphones. She demonstrated various tasks such as note-taking, joining chat groups, scanning QR codes, and receiving important messages on mobile devices. Venerable Zhiqun also shared a story about getting lost when she first arrived at the New York Temple and took the opportunity to introduce useful mobile apps to the students. Following that, Abbot Venerable Chueh Lin gave a tea Zen class, guiding the students in the art of making tea while discussing how to open the mind and maintain mental clarity. Such courses can stimulate thinking and help prevent cognitive decline.

The students expressed great satisfaction with the courses, and they eagerly expressed their desire to continue joyfully learning at Songhe Senior Academy. Venerable Chueh Lin said that the establishment of Songhe Senior Academy aims to provide a conducive learning environment for seniors, where they can interact, share life experiences, exercise their bodies, and continue learning and living healthily and confidently into their old age. After all, 'being old is not about age, but about one's state of mind.

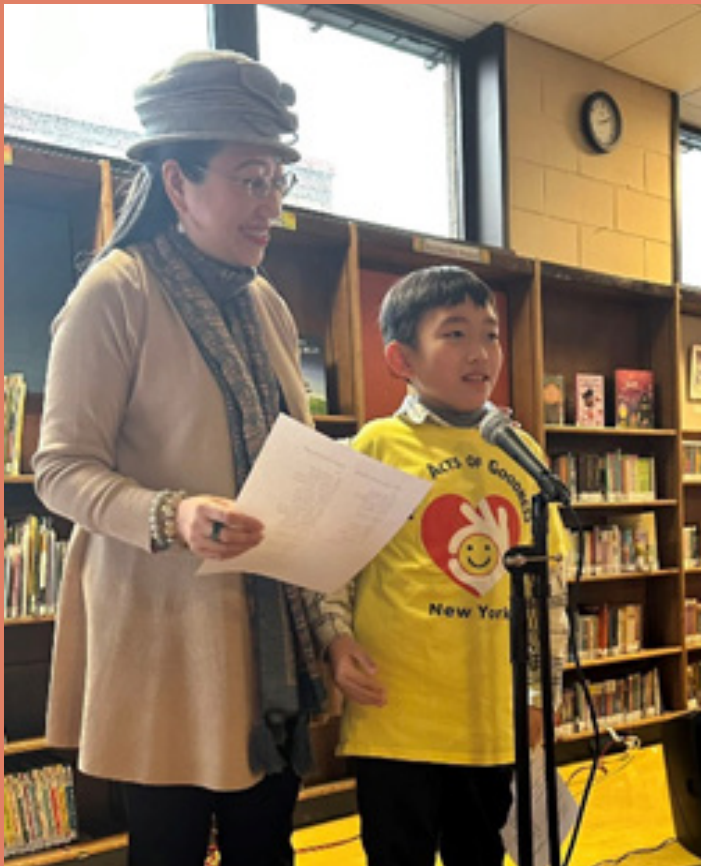
# Celebrating World Poetry Day Reciting Selected Poems by Venerable Master Hsing Yun

To celebrate World Poetry Day, the IBPS New York Chinese School and Queens Public Library at McGoldrick collaborated on a poetry recitation event on March 25th. The event kicked off with the recitation of selected poems by the founder of Fo Guang Shan, Master Hsing Yun. The principal of the IBPS New York Chinese School and the abbot of Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple of New York Venerable Chueh Lin, along with the students, took turns reciting Master Hsing Yun's poetry in both Chinese and English, carrying on the spirit of spreading the essence of the Master's poetic works.



Recite the selected poems of Master Hsing Yun, the founding master of Fo Guang Shan, at the Queens Public Library at McGoldrick; Librarian David A. Radford and teachers gather for a group photo

Venerable Chueh Lin introduced Master Hsing Yun's life and the origin of his poem "Nebula" to the children. She told them that Master Hsing Yun began writing poetry over 70 years ago, using it as an encouragement for everyone. "Nebula" was created in 1956 when Master Hsing Yun saw a picture of the cosmic star cloud, which also inspired the name "Hsing Yun ("Nebula")", the Master's Dharma name. During the event, people also recited another piece by Master Hsing Yun called "My Aspiration." Through the recitation, they felt the charm and wisdom of Master Hsing Yun, gaining many insights into life, and the seeds of this wisdom continued to spread. The resonant recitations filled the library with phrases. "At night, I love the



The parent-child recitation of "Nebula" become the center of attention

twinkling stars in the sky; during the day, I adore the drifting white clouds..." "A small smile brings boundless joy to others..." "Kindness lies not in splendor but in benevolence; kind words are not about sweetness but sincerity..."

This recitation event received strong support from the Queens Public Library at McGoldrick and garnered approval from the parents of the IBPS New York Chinese School. Participating in the parent-child recitation, mother Huizi Cen expressed her gratitude towards the school for organizing such a wonderful event. She shared that it allowed her child to develop a sense of altruism, understand and practice the Three Acts of Goodness, all of which are significant life lessons for the children.



The teacher leads the second-grade children in a choric recitation of Venerable Master Hsing Yun's work

# Scouts Show Their Skill in Crafting Colorful Racing Cars Soaring through the Air



Cub Scouts bring their personally designed, crafted, and decorated racing cars to the temple

On March 25th, at 6:30 PM, the FGS NY Cub Scouts held an exciting "Scout Racing" event on the third floor of the New York Temple. The scouts arrived with great enthusiasm, bringing their personally designed, crafted, and decorated racing cars with them. After the customary Scout oath-taking ceremony, everyone warmly welcomed Ven. Huijin, the secretary of the FGS Executive Council, delivered a speech. He shared his own experiences of designing scout racing cars during his time as a scout and interacted warmly with the scouts. Ven. Huijin emphasized, "You may never be satisfied with your car design, but making mistakes and learning from it can be beneficial." He encouraged the scouts to learn from their mistakes and assured them that dedicated efforts would lead to rewards.

Immediately after, the thrilling competition began. With the signal from the team leaders, the scouts were divided into groups for the race. Amidst the cheers and support from fellow scouts, the little racing cars dashed down the track, carrying the hopes and dreams of the scouts. Parents, team leaders, and scouts all cheered with excitement for the competing cars. The final round was even more spectacular, as the qualifying cars showcased clever and imaginative designs, carefully considered weight distribution, and superb execution. Everyone in the venue was immersed in the intense and exhilarating competition. Accompanied by background music, the joy and delight of each child were shared and celebrated.



Abbott venerable Chueh Lin and other judges score the racing cars crafted by the Cub Scouts

Finally, Venerable Youlin awarded the winning children and delivered a closing speech. She emphasized to the kids that their hard work and dedication were the reasons for their success. Venerable Youlin reminded the scouts to be grateful for their parents' help and support and to appreciate the efforts of the team leaders in organizing and setting up the event. As Venerable expressed, success or failure is not the most important, but the efforts and the process will ignite the wellspring of creativity in the scouts' future endeavors.



Venerable Huijin, the secretary of the FGS Secretariat, shares stories with the cub scouts

# An Eternal Star: Exploring Venerable Master Hsing Yun's Wisdom of Prajna

On the afternoon of April 8th, the FGSNY and BLIANY co-hosted the first Buddhist lecture of 2023, titled "An Eternal Star: Exploring Venerable Master Hsing Yun's Wisdom of Prajna." The lecture was delivered by Venerable Hui Tzu, Executive Director of Foguang Pureland Cultural & Educational Foundation. The event took place both in person and was live-streamed on YouTube, benefiting over a hundred faithful attendees.



Venerable Hui Tzu and attendees gather together to take a group photo

Venerable Hui Tzu explained the meaning of the "Eternal Star" as follows: The star represents Venerable Master Hsing Yun, while eternal signifies continuous and never-ending existence. However, all phenomena in the world are in constant flux. The Venerable shared a personal example from his days preparing for the graduate school entrance exam, using a carefully guarded teapot as a metaphor. He recounted the feeling of loss and the unpredictable emotions he experienced when he discovered the teapot's spout was missing, prompting him to helplessly ask the heavens without words. The Venerable emphasized that eternity doesn't mean there is no birth or death; instead, one should confront the process of impermanence with a non-attached attitude, thereby creating eternal value. The present moment holds immeasurable value, and in it lies the imperishable; this is the way of living with the wisdom of prajna. To elaborate, in the flow of past, present, and future, facing impermanent changes, one should adapt to causes and conditions, without clinging to any moment of compulsion. This is the way to extend eternal value.



Venerable Hui Tzu gives the lecture and shares Venerable Master Hsing Yun's wisdom with the attendees

Venerable Hui Tzu also remarked that New York, being a foremost global city, holds a pivotal role in Venerable Master Hsing Yun's mission of spreading Humanistic Buddhism to the Western society, and the Manhattan Temple project of Fo Guang Shan stands as a milestone in this endeavor, carrying forward a legacy of continuity. The venerable monk encouraged the volunteer team to work diligently in constructing the Pure Land of Fo Guang Shan, benefiting the broader society and allowing the master's vision of Humanistic Buddhism to radiate its brilliance across the world.

Lastly, Abbot Venerable Chueh Lin expressed gratitude to Venerable Hui Tzu for sparing time during his inspection tour of North America and the temple project in Manhattan. Venerable Chueh Lin recounted how Venerable Master Hsing Yun's life was influenced by the wisdom of prajna, and how this has provided everyone with a spiritual feast. The Venerable emphasized the importance of being genuine Bodhisattva practitioners, embracing patience and compassion as strengths, and achieving great deeds that bring blessings to the country and people while benefiting sentient beings.



Attendees carefully listen to Venerable Hui Tzu

# Responding to Earth Day

## BLIA YAD Launched “Environmental and Spiritual Reservation” Clean-up at Corona Park



Venerable Miaochu and BLIA Young Adult Division members gather at Flushing Meadow Corona Park to initiate a park cleanup

On April 16th, the BLIA Young Adult Division New York subdivision initiated a celebration of the Earth Day, led by activity coordinator Evan Ralske. The group, consisting of 16 members under the guidance of YAD president Jaron Zhou and Advising Venerable Miao Zhu, came together to contribute their efforts towards the world, embodying the "Environmental and Spiritual Preservation" initiative from BLIA. The Earth Day is a worldwide environmental protection day, symbolizing a beautiful vision of harmonious coexistence in the world.

On that afternoon, the BLIA-YAD New York gathered at Flushing Meadow Corona Park to initiate a park cleanup activity. Paired up, each member held a picker and garbage bag, bending and weaving through the fourth-largest public park in New York City to pick up litter, paper scraps, peels, garbage, and beverage cans and bottle caps, dedicating their efforts to the Earth. Seeing the youth picking up litter, the children picnicking in the park also placed their trash in the garbage bags of the youth, refraining from littering. Passersby witnessing the youth cleaning the environment smiled, giving encouraging thumbs-up gestures and expressing admiration. After two and a half hours of cleanup, around 200 pounds of garbage and recyclables were collected, with the majority being discarded beverage bottle caps.



BLIA YAD members pair up and start to pick up litter on the ground activity

**Guided by Venerable Miao Zhu, the youth were reminded of the significance of both external ecological care and internal spiritual reservation—cleansing thoughts, concepts, language, and intentions. This encompasses fostering untainted thoughts, positivity, and mindful speech while dispelling negativity. With an inner reservation, environmental preservation becomes innate; seeing the Earth as our collective home, environmental care extends beyond love for the planet to secure a brighter future for generations, working**



Besides environmental protection, "spiritual" is also

**together for a harmonious society. YAD member Grace Lin aimed for youth-led change through responsible waste disposal and pollution reduction, fostering a cleaner environment. YAD member Evan Ralske hoped the event would raise awareness, inspire responsible environmental actions, and set an example, promoting an eco-conscious Earth and litter-free ethos for environmental rejuvenation.**



Venerables sharing their personal stories about their ordination and connection with the Venerable Master Hsing Yun

## The First Post-Pandemic Eight Precepts Retreat: FGS NY Pays Tribute to Venerable Master Hsing Yun

On April 22nd, Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple of New York held its first “2023 Eight Precepts Retreat” at the Rulai Hall after the pandemic. A total of 76 devotees from North America respectfully sought to receive the Eight Precepts, which were established by Buddha for followers to cultivate virtuous connections with pabbajjā and learn the pure lifestyle. Prior to the ceremony, Venerable Youlin provided an explanation of the procedures. Abbot Venerable Chueh Lin presided over the ceremony, conferring the precepts to the participants and guiding them in repentance. Following this, they embarked on a one-day and one-night practice of the pure life.

The precepts ceremony included a well-rounded curriculum of study and practice. Activities encompassed sutra transcription, performing daily tasks, a study group focused on “Complete Works of Venerable Master Hsing Yun,” as well as self-cultivation practices such as worship, reciting mantras, meditation, Sutra reading, and reflecting on one's experiences. To introduce the founder of Fo Guang Shan, Venerable Master Hsing Yun, a segment titled “Conversations about Venerable Master Hsing Yun” was organized, during which participating Venerables shared their personal stories about their ordination and connection with the Venerable Master Hsing Yun.

At the precepts ceremony's end, Venerable Chueh Lin emphasized the importance of ongoing dedication to learning and upholding the precepts. A second ceremony is planned for later this year. Venerable Chueh Lin also gifted an image of Venerable Master Hsing Yun, to strengthen the participants' Dharma connection.



76 devotees from over North America sought to receive the Eight Precepts

The participants expressed great joy and gratitude for being able to attend the precepts ceremony. They mentioned that the ceremony provided valuable learning and profound insights. They are committed to upholding the precepts and applying the teachings of Humanistic Buddhism in their daily lives.



Attendees perform daily temple tasks

# First Group of Distinguished Humanistic Buddhism Speaker in North America Ignites the Flame of Humanistic Buddhism Propagation



Venerables from BLIA NY, BLIA NJ, and six examinees gather together at Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple of New York to attend the assessment

On April 29th, BLIA World Headquarters held the "North America Humanistic Buddhism Speaker Assessment." Following the first round of training and the second round of interviews, synchronized physical assessments were conducted in 8 designated test areas in the United States and Canada. After rigorous evaluation by 40 Venerables, the first batch of 30 outstanding Humanistic Buddhism Speaker in North America has been selected, adding further momentum to the propagation of Humanistic Buddhism in the region.

The first round of training was held on March 25th, featuring Venerable Jue Pei, the Secretary-General of BLIA World Headquarters, who personally conducted an online lecture. She elaborated on the "Three-Part Speech Method" for Humanistic Buddhism Speaker, which involves linking the wisdom of Buddhist scriptures with personal experiences through three steps, thereby sharing how the Dharma has inspired and benefited their lives. On April 14th, participants gathered online again for the second round of assessments, delving further into the key elements and focal points of successful propagation. This included techniques such as using images to tell stories, creating "contrast" between text and personal experiences to highlight the enlightening aspects of Buddhism in life, controlling tone, and establishing eye contact.

On April 29th, the in-person assessment took place in a total of 8 designated examination zones across the United States and Canada. Under the supervision of nearly 40 Venerables, 58 students who successfully passed the second round of assessments participated in the exam. Many candidates traveled long distances, enduring 8-hour round trips, to undertake the test. Their dedication to upholding the Dharma and spreading the teachings was evident as they fearlessly faced the 15-minute on-site speech assessment. The spirit of Fo Guang Shan followers, characterized by wholehearted commitment, admiration, and inspiration, was truly moving. With the rigorous guidance of the Venerables, a total of 30 individuals have been selected as the inaugural batch of North America Humanistic Buddhism Speaker.



Venerable Chueh Lin, Abbott of Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple of New York gives commentary to the examinees

In this assessment, candidates delivered a 15-minute speech following the three-part speech method. Apart from speech skills, emphasis was also placed on embodying the principles and spiritual philosophy of Humanistic Buddhism. The results of the assessment for the first batch of North American Humanistic Buddhism Speaker will be officially announced by BLIA World Headquarters. Those who pass will be awarded the "Humanistic Buddhism Speaker Badge" for a term of 2 years, during which they can engage in

propagation activities at monthly meetings and study groups organized by the Fo Guang Shan.



Frank Yao from BLIA NY gives a speech to the Venerables

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