

PHILOSOPHY

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Functions of the Orthodox-oriented institution volunteerism

Social activity, which affects voluntary activity, is an indicator of the level of culture and citizenship of the individual. Social activity can indicate the processes taking place in society and the problems of its development. Therefore, it is quite a lot said and written about volunteering as a social life. But there is no Church approach to this topic. Secular volunteerism has been actively studied and the idea of it has been formulated. Church social volunteerism, in view of its complete absence in the Soviet period of Russia, is a fairly new phenomenon, there is no clear concept about it. Special attention is paid to the changes in the approach to Church volunteerism and to supplement the humanistic component of secular volunteer activity with the meanings of Christian ministry and the experience of Church and public life. It is considered the disclosure of the functions of Orthodox-oriented volunteering. At the heart of Church volunteerism, aimed at helping people, improving their quality of life, are the spiritual values of service and the fulfillment of Christian commandments, which are taught while in the bosom of the Church.

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