

## Spirituality of Social Transformation

We will pursue a spiritual understanding of the principles of compassion, solidarity and oneness. Through these new understandings, we will look at today's pressing social issues: poverty, racism, militarism, immigration and regional equity. We will look to the struggles of the past and the systemic causes of injustice, and learn from the leaders who made a difference. To these issues we will bring compassionate awareness, commitment to seeking truth and a search for justice. We will consider ways of peacefully confronting and changing the world we live in.

This course will involve videos, interactive learning and group discussions. We will plan to attend an initial organizing meeting of the New Jersey Regional Coalition May 27, 2010 in Hackensack.

### **Texts:**

Cloud of Witnesses, by Jim Wallis & Joyce Hollyday, Orbis Books, 2005

Gandhi The Man by Eknath Easwaran, 1997 Third Edition Blue Mountain Center, Berkley, CA (Optional)