# **BASIC E-COURSE INFORMATION**

PE - Public Engagement: *Integrating* Spiritual Principles & Practices for Solving Social Struggles



### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to encourage participants to craft a Rule of Life that integrates personally chosen spiritual principles and practices into personally chosen social struggles to help solve social issues, ills, and injustices while publicly engaged with others. Those with an already existing Rule of Life will be encouraged to do the same. Everyone will be urged to discover and rediscover spiritual principles and practices to strengthen their own ability and the ability of others to right social wrongs.

### **COURSE FOCUS**

<u>Week One</u> offers an overview of integration of spiritual principles and practices starting with the foundational focus on biblical persuasions, calls and convictions, and inspirational quotes that advocate public engagement and one's response to them. <u>Week Two</u> focuses on discerning spiritual principles that advance public engagement to help encounter, elucidate, and solve one's selected social struggles.

<u>Week Three</u> focuses on integrating spiritual practices that further public engagement in order to gain new insights into formative interactions with others and become an agent of change and healing in the communities and cities in which one lives, works, worships, recreates, socializes, and/or serves.

<u>Week Four</u> underlines the crafting and the sharing of one's lifelong integrated Rule of Life with others and leaving behind such Rule as a distinctive spiritual legacy for others.

### **COURSE FORMAT**

**PE** is a four-week facilitated online course that takes place in Moodle (our online learning platform). Participation primarily takes place asynchronously (i.e., not "live"); however, on occasion the class will meet via Zoom (dates and times TBD). There will be a combination of readings and/or video viewing and active participation in the forum discussions. More importantly, the course includes reflective exercises and spiritual practices designed for practical application to one's life and ministry.

# REQUIRED TEXTS Joe Colletti, PhD, Crafting an Integrated Rule of Life \_\_\_\_\_\_, Responding to Spiritual Persuasions \_\_\_\_\_\_, Discerning Spiritual Principles \_\_\_\_\_\_, Integrating Spiritual Practices \_\_\_\_\_\_, Leaving a Spiritual Legacy

## **Recommended Text**

Donald E. Miller and Gregory C. Stanczak, *Engaged Spirituality 2002: Spirituality and Social Transformation in Mainstream American Religious Traditions*. Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California.

**Note:** There will be other supplementary resources for the course.