

Companioning the Dying: Opening Fully to Living

2025-2026

Registration due by August 1, 2025
Recommendation letter due by August 1, 2025
Program runs from Sept 2025 - June 2026

Tuition \$975

(\$100 non-refundable deposit upon acceptance, balance due by 9/27/25)

Schedule

- two in-person gatherings: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm in Rockville, MD.
Sat. 9/27/25 and Sat. 6/13/26
- six live Zoom gatherings: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Mondays - 10/20/25, 11/17/25, 1/12/26, 3/23/26, 4/27/26, 5/18/26
- three-day in-person retreat: 2/27/26 - 3/1/26

Full Name

Email

Mailing Address:

Street

City / Town

State

Zip

Phone Number

Cell

Other

Reference: A letter of recommendation is required. Please forward [this link](#) and request that they submit the letter of recommendation by August 1, 2025.

Name of person from whom you have asked for a letter of recommendation

If you are currently affiliated with an organization or facility where you plan to continue your companioning, what is the organization's name?

Note: If you have no such affiliation, we can help connect you with one

Are you requesting financial aid?

Please check one of the boxes.

☐

Yes

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No

If you are requesting financial aid, describe the personal or family circumstances creating the need for financial assistance. This response is required if you are requesting aid. See more notes about financial arrangements at the bottom.

Essay Information

Please include an essay, no longer than two pages, telling us about yourself in relation to the CTD Program. Use the following reflection questions as a guide for the content of your essay. Include any other information you deem relevant.

- What changes, nudges, or invitations do you notice in your life right now that relate to your consideration of the CTD Program?
- What about the CTD Program particularly attracts you?
- What hesitations do you feel about participating in the CTD Program?
- Given your life experience and knowledge of yourself, what can you tell us about your willingness and capacity to be in a learning, dialogic community with others of different experiences and faith traditions?
- Are you currently or have you recently experienced any unattended issues of upheaval, loss, or turmoil in your life that might affect your full participation?
- Are there any other factors we should be aware of in the event we can help facilitate your participation (e.g., ongoing health issues, handicap accessibility, needing help with transportation, planned travel, etc.)?
- As much as you can envision your life for the next year, including your present commitments, can you commit to completing the requirements? Please review the [meeting dates](#) to be certain you can attend all scheduled meetings.

How will you submit your required essay? Please check one of the boxes.

- ☐ Attached with this application and sent via email (see below)
- ☐ Mailed to address provided (see below)

We prefer that you email your application materials to: leeanneblank@gmail.com

Alternately, you may send your application by USPS to:
Companioning the Dying: Opening Fully to Living
c/o Lee Anne Blank
617 Edmonston Drive
Rockville, MD 20851

Upon receipt of your application materials and a reference letter, we will respond in a timely fashion so that you can plan accordingly.

Please keep in mind that if finances are an obstacle for you, some limited scholarship aid is available based on need. Flexible tuition payment plans may also be available. Scholarship aid or alternate payment plans should be requested at the time of submitting your application. You will be informed of the amount of any financial assistance approved with your letter of acceptance into the program.

Please share with us how you heard about the CTD program