

Companioning the Dying: Opening Fully to Living

Request for Letter of Recommendation

Name of Applicant: _____

Companioning the Dying: Opening Fully to Living is a nine-month program offering both formation and ongoing support for those who feel called to deepen their own spiritual grounding as they companion the dying. Our program has a special concern to support companions for those persons who would otherwise have no one to accompany them on their final journeys.

The Program is intended for those who: have the time and energy to pursue a new ministry or enrich their current ministry; have sufficiently dealt with loss and other life issues so as to resist imposing their experiences on others; are open to learning new skills and attitudes from and with others from a variety of traditions and experiences; and are willing to be mentored in the process of developing those skills and attitudes. Participants might expect to dedicate approximately 20 hours a month over a period of nine months to the Program.

We ask that you please give us a written letter of recommendation for the above applicant for our Program, using the following questions as a guide to the content of your letter. Include whatever additional information you deem relevant. Your recommendation will give us important insights as we assess the rightness of the applicant for the Program.

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Given your past experience and knowledge of the applicant, what can you tell us about the person's willingness and capacity to be in a learning, dialogic community with others of different experiences and traditions?

Are you aware of any unattended issues of upheaval, loss, turmoil, or other factors that might affect the applicant's full participation in the Program?

Do you have any hesitations in recommending the applicant for the Program?

What is your strongest endorsement of the applicant for this Program?

What else do you want to tell us about the applicant in relation to their application?

Please email your response to: leeanneblank@gmail.com Alternately you may send a hard-copy of your response by postal mail to:

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Thank you in advance for your assistance!