Companioning the Dying: Opening Fully to Living
Fall 2024 Program

Full Name

Email

Mailing Address:

    Street

    City / Town   State   Zip

Phone Number

    Cell

    Other (if applicable)

<u>Reference:</u> Remember that you must send a recommendation form to a person of your choosing. You can forward the above link to them, and they must submit the letter of recommendation by August 1, 2024.

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

Email address of person from whom you have asked for a letter of recommendation

Are you currently affiliated with an organization or facility at which you are or will be doing your companioning? If you have no such affiliation, we can help connect you with one.
    Yes   No

If your answer above is yes, what is the name of the organization or facility?

Please check the box for the program format that you are applying for:

1) Full ($975) – includes:
   a. two in-person gatherings (Sat., Sept 28, 2024 + Sat., June 21, 2025; 9:30 AM-4:30 PM ET in Rockville, MD)
   b. six live Zoom gatherings (9:30 AM-4:00 PM ET)
   c. three-day retreat (in-person; most rooms are shared) Feb 28-Mar 2, 2025

2) Virtual only ($425) – Six live Zoom gatherings only (9:30 AM-12:30 PM ET)

3) Retreat only ($475) (FYI: most of the rooms are shared) Feb 28-Mar 2, 2025

Are you requesting financial aid?　　　Yes　　No

If you are requesting financial aid, enter a brief description of the personal or family circumstances under which you require financial assistance to take the program. (required if you are requesting aid)

How will you submit your required essay?

Attached with this application and sent via email (see below)

Mailed to address provided (see below)

Please share with us how you heard about the program.

Essay Information

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

What changes, nudges, invitations do you notice in your life right now that seem to relate to your consideration of this Program?

- What about the Program particularly attracts you?

- What hesitations do you feel about participating in the Program?

- Given your past 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 in the Program?

- Are there any other factors that might affect your participation in the Program, e.g., ongoing health issues, handicap accessibility, needing help with transportation, planned travel, etc.?

- Given your life as much as you can envision it for the next year, including your present commitments, can you make a commitment to complete the requirements of the Program? Please review the list of meeting dates to be certain you can attend all scheduled meetings.

We prefer that you email your application materials electronically to: leeanneblank@gmail.com. Alternately you may send your application hard-copy (application + essay + any other relevant information) by U.S. Postal mail 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 based on need. 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.