

Companioning the Dying: Opening Fully to Living

Application Form for 2026-2027 Program

Key Dates

- Application due by July 15, 2026
- Recommendation letter due by August 1, 2026
- Program runs from September 2026 to June 2027

The program is limited to 14 participants. The application window will close when we reach that number of accepted applications.

Tuition

- Full tuition is \$1250
- Non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due upon acceptance
- Balance due by September 26, 2026

Schedule

Two in-person gatherings from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm ET in Rockville, MD:

- Program kick-off: Saturday, September 26, 2026
- Program conclusion: Saturday, June 12, 2027

Six live Zoom gatherings from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm ET:

- Monday, October 19, 2026
- Monday, November 16, 2026
- Monday, January 11, 2027
- Monday, March 22, 2027
- Monday, April 26, 2027
- Monday, May 17, 2027

Three-day in-person retreat:

- February 26, 2027, to February 28, 2027

Full Name

Email

Mailing Address:

Street

City / Town

State

Zip

Phone Number (best number to use to reach you)

Letter of Recommendation

Provide the name and email of the person who will provide your letter of recommendation. Send recommender a link to the [Companioning the Dying application website](#) to submit their recommendation.

Letter of recommendation is due by August 1, 2026.

Name of person you have asked for a letter of recommendation

Email of person you have asked for a letter of recommendation

Companioning

A key component of the program is actively working or volunteering at an organization that provides support for people who are seriously ill or dying. If you are not actively companioning at this time, we can help connect you with local organizations.

I am currently companioning through work or volunteering Yes No

For those currently companioning, please provide the name of the organization.

Financial Aid

Flexible tuition payment plans are possible and there is also limited financial aid. Briefly describe your circumstances if you are requesting a flexible tuition payment plan or financial aid. This response is required if you are requesting aid. You will be informed of the amount with your letter of acceptance into the program.

Are you requesting financial aid? Yes No

Personal Essay

Please include an essay, no longer than two pages, telling us about yourself in relation to the Companionship the Dying (CTD) Program. Use the following reflection questions as a guide for your essay. You do not need to address every point listed, and feel free to include any information you deem relevant.

- What changes, nudges, invitations do you notice in your life right now that seem to relate to your consideration of the CTD Program?
- What about the CTD Program particularly attracts you?
- What hesitations do you feel about participating?
- 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 experiencing, or have you recently experienced, any unattended issues of upheaval, loss, or turmoil in your life that might affect your full participation?
- Are there other considerations that would be helpful to share with us (accessibility needs, planned travel, etc.)?
- Can you make a commitment to participate fully, given your present and anticipated circumstances next year? Please review the list of meeting dates to be certain you can attend all scheduled meetings.

Please email to Brandon Weaver at weaverb@gmail.com.

Please share with us how you heard about the CTD program

Thank you for applying! Upon receipt of your application materials and letter of recommendation, we will respond in a timely fashion so that you can plan accordingly.

If you have questions or need assistance, please email Brandon Weaver at weaverb@gmail.com.