

Companioning the Dying: Opening Fully to Living

Letter of Recommendation

Companioning the Dying (CTD) is a ten-month program offering both formation and ongoing support for those who feel called to deepen their own spiritual grounding as they companion the dying.

The program is intended for those who:

- Have the time and energy to pursue a deeper encounter in their role as a volunteer
- Have had opportunities to process some of their experiences with loss and grief
- Are open to learning new skills and attitudes from and with others from a variety of traditions and experiences
- Are willing to be mentored in the process of developing those skills and attitudes

Participants might expect to dedicate approximately 15-20 hours a month over a period of ten months to the CTD program.

You have been asked for a written letter of recommendation, and the following questions can be used as a guide. Include whatever additional information you deem relevant. Please email your response by August 1, 2026 to Brandon Weaver at weaverb@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Name of Applicant:

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

2. Given your 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?

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

4. *Do you have any hesitations in recommending the applicant for the CTD program?*

5. *What is your strongest endorsement of the applicant for this CTD program?*

6. *What else do you want to tell us about the applicant in relation to their application to the CTD program?*

Your name

Date

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