

Being a Companion means:

- You come with an interest in joining the Order. There's no decision to be made at this point by you or us. Just let us know if at any point you decide the circumstances of your life allow you to enter the formal discernment process. Being a Companion is not a permanent form of relationship (as it was earlier in OA history.)
- You're welcome to attend the yearly gathering.
- You will shape your spiritual discipline in a way that is congruent with the Rule (it's on the web site in the documents section).
- The participation might have some limits on it. For example, if there was an issue that needed to be discussed by members only. Or we may want to say that your participation in Mutual Spiritual Guidance was just as this year (offer comments and feedback) or if you are in a consulting or parish leadership position we might invite you to do your own sharing.
- The assumption is that you will make intentional progress toward Professed Membership during the next three years. That can be extended as` needed. The issue is seeing some movement. Doing the Church Development Institute is one example; coming to another annual gathering might be a second.
- You will make an annual gift of \$100 to the Order.
- You may wear the medal of the order; if you agree to be a Companion on will be sent to you.
- Pay your own travel and room costs to the annual retreat; meals would be paid for by the Order

The process of becoming a Companion is to participate in a couple of days of retreat/chapter, receive an invitation from the Order, and respond to that invitation.