

Céile Dé Teaching Retreat
Pumpkin Hollow Retreat Center
22-25 September 2022

Terms and Conditions

We know nobody's keen on reading terms and conditions. However, we are still in the grips of the pandemic, and setting expectations is one way we can help protect both retreatants and St. Francis Springs staff. So, please get comfortable, and take the time to read the fine print.

If you book a place at this retreat, it will be assumed that you have read and accepted these terms and conditions. If you have any questions or concerns about them, please email us at ceilede.retreats@gmail.com **before you book**.

As you know, the situation with the pandemic is fluid and unpredictable. We will try our best to keep you updated on any protocol changes set by our retreat venue or local government authorities but are keenly aware that changes may occur at the last minute, so please stay on top of your email Inbox as the retreat dates approach.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 1** - registration opens for general public
- Aug 1** - registration deadline for scholarship requests
- Aug 1** - deadline for paying balance due or requesting a cancellation
- Sept 22-25** - retreat at Pumpkin Hollow Retreat Center

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (COVID-related):

1. All retreatants are responsible for looking after their own health and well-being and must also consider other people's health and well-being at all times, including that of venue staff.
2. **All retreatants must be fully vaccinated** (including any boosters recommended for their age, health, or occupational group) by at least two weeks before the retreat. Please bring proof of vaccination.
3. **If a retreatant develops COVID symptoms** during the retreat, they will be asked to self-isolate and take a rapid antigen test. **If the result is positive**, they will be asked to leave the retreat immediately and return home. Each of us needs to have a travel plan to handle such a situation.
4. Since we will all be fully vaccinated, masks are not required, but retreatants are welcome to wear masks if they choose.
5. We don't expect another group to be present, but if so, they will all be vaccinated, just as our group will be.
6. Please **do not leave the grounds** during your stay, to avoid the possibility of contracting COVID or other illness and bringing it into Pumpkin Hollow.

BOOKING, SCHOLARSHIPS & CANCELLATIONS:

7. **Please book quickly to ensure your place, as places are limited.** Booking will be offered first to caimeachs in groups associated with this retreat site. On May 1, booking will be opened to the public. Any caimeach who has not booked by then may lose the chance of a place.
8. Shared rooms often have shared bathrooms and some are on a second floor accessible by stairs. Please use the Special Needs on the registration form any specifics that would help with room assignments -- such as proximity to bathroom or avoiding stairs.
9. The retreat fee is \$590 for a single, \$500 for a shared room; both rates include all meals. Approximately \$40 of that is to cover the travel and accommodation costs for the teacher. **A non-refundable \$100 deposit is payable upon booking. Payment for the balance must be received by Termonn-East Coast Chapter by August 1, 2022.** If your balance remains unpaid after that date and we have not heard from you, we will assume that you have canceled your registration and will offer your place to someone on the waiting list.
10. The retreat fee covers only the teacher's travel and accommodations and does not include any financial exchange for the teachings themselves. **A Deercc offering for the teachings is expected,** in addition to the \$590/500 cost for accommodations, and will be collected on the last day of the retreat. [Please read about this spiritual practice of giving before you register.](#)
11. **Scholarships for retreat registration costs** (but not for travel expenses or deercc) are available as Termonn Trust funds allow. Be sure to register and pay your deposit by August 1 and follow the instructions on the [Scholarships page](#).
12. **Please plan to be present for the whole retreat.** Places are limited, so please do not register if you cannot commit to being present for the whole retreat. Arrival is from 3pm (no earlier, please) on Thursday, September 22. Please arrive in time for dinner at 6pm. The retreat ends with a final session on Sunday, September 25, and is expected to conclude by about 1pm.

Late arrivals and early departures disturb the làthar (atmosphere) of the retreat for everyone. **If you cannot be present for the whole of the retreat, please help us to hold the làthar for everyone by not booking a place.**
13. Retreatants must recognize that because of the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, there is a risk of the retreat being canceled by Pumpkin Hollow if required protocols change significantly. If this happens, the retreat will revert to being online via Zoom on the same dates.
14. Should the in-person retreat be canceled, the deposit that retreatants have paid will be kept by Termonn-East Coast Chapter as payment for the online retreat. Retreatants who have made their final payments will receive a refund of the monies paid, less the deposit amount.
15. If you must cancel your attendance at the retreat, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can offer the place to someone else. **If you cancel your booking less than six weeks before the start date of the retreat, we will refund your final payment only if we are able to fill your place.** The closer the cancellation is to the start date, the less likely it will be that we can find someone able to take it up.

RETREAT ENVIRONMENT

16. There may be modifications for rùn (meditation) and communion and possibly other practices. More details will be provided to retreatants in late summer.
17. Come prepared for cooler meeting rooms, as we may be opening windows and doors as needed for additional ventilation. You may also want to eat some of your meals outdoors, and we will be taking advantage of Pumpkin Hollow's beautiful and extensive grounds. **It should be warm enough in September, but bring warm clothes, so that you can be comfortable both indoors and out.**
18. We aim to hold a peaceful silence at all times between teaching sessions and meals in order to aid absorption of the powerful energies transmitted during teachings and practices. This includes disconnecting electronic devices from the Internet so that we are not interrupted by their notifications. **Please read about [The Gift of Silence at Céile Dé Teaching Retreats](#).**