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Denise comes to serious illness care through over a decade of work in Catholic-sponsored palliative care. She has a master's degree and license in marriage and family therapy, a master's degree in divinity, and is an ordained minister with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Since 2017, she served as the executive director of the Supportive Care Coalition, a national partnership of Catholic health ministries committed to advancing excellence in palliative care. She resides in Portland, Oregon with her husband of thirty years and their two elderly cats. Her two adult children have a mission to make sure she plays all the latest board games.