

Hello!

Thank you for being a Mending the Soul facilitator and serving those who have been wounded by abuse. MTS is so grateful that you have partnered with us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who have survived trauma and deep hurt. We know that this type of service takes its toll on you as the caregiver, and this is why we have launched our new **Facilitator Support Service!** I am excited to see that so many facilitators have interest in this new service MTS is offering. We are working hard behind the scenes to get all the kinks ironed out, and are thrilled with the breadth and depth that we are able to offer facilitators as they continue their journey of healing and service with Mending the Soul.

Some facilitators have wondered why MTS needs to attach a cost to this facilitator service. As you may know, Mending the Soul is a nonprofit 501c3 organization and must raise funds to operate. Book sales and training revenue help to cover some of our administrative costs, but to carry out our mission we must raise several hundred thousand dollars every year. Virtually all of our staff and subcontractors work for far less than market value for their expertise. And almost all of them have an extensive history of donating many hours to the ministry. All staff works from their homes to keep overhead costs for MTS as low as possible.

Until early 2020, we had special donated funds earmarked to pay for two staff members who focused exclusively on providing support for facilitators. We no longer have those funds, but realize that our facilitators need all the support we can give them. We have had many requests in the past several months for additional services, engagement, and continuing education for facilitators. Those requests prompted us to launch the robust subscription service which provides many new resources to facilitators. The subscription fee helps to cover the cost of hiring a professional counselor with trauma and theology expertise to oversee facilitator support, but does not cover all the expenses incurred by MTS to support facilitators.

We will continue to provide as many free and low-cost resources as possible to the MTS family. We will also continue to raise funds to provide resources for global leaders who do not have the funds to pay for trainings or written resources. We know that especially with everything going on in our world this year, facilitators might need or want to raise financial support to cover the \$24.99 monthly subscription fee. We have crafted a support letter template that you can use to share the impact MTS has had on your life and to advocate for your needs as you continue your MTS ministry.

Please reach out to Leslee Forrester, MTS Facilitator Support Manager with any questions or concerns regarding the heart of the Facilitator Support Service, the financial needs, the resources and support available to facilitators, or any other questions around your MTS ministry. She is here to support you and would love to connect!