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Dear Brothers in Christ,

I am writing to refer John Schlitt as a speaker and/or special guest musician for future conferences. In February of 2005, the men's group of our church invited him for our local men's conference held at the Free Methodist Church in Rushville, Illinois. Inviting John was an idea of mine for quite some time, but was hesitant at first given that our church is more conservative in our worship.

In 2004 I attended a Promise Keepers event in St. Louis where God instructed me to start organizing a men's group and a conference for our local churches. John was my first and only pick to invite as our special guest. I am a Christian today largely due to the music of Petra. The older men in our church admitted that they were reluctant to come hear a "Christian Rock" singer, but they attended the conference to support our men's group. John opened our first session with worship from the "Petra Praise 2" album. It did not take long for these men to change their hearts.

After leading worship, he began to give his testimony. As he poured out his heart, everyone in attendance opened theirs. John turned from a lifestyle of drugs, alcohol, and suicidal thoughts to a man that God would use to impact a whole genre of Christian music and the lives of those who listened to it. John Schlitt knows what it is like to have nothing else left except a Savior waiting for him. I believe John's testimony could turn the hearts of those to Jesus who have nothing else also.

Dynamic speakers and music is a mainstay in any conferences. John fits both of these categories. His music also is still making an impact on peoples' lives. Today's generation of Christian men grew up listening to Petra, WhiteHeart, and other Christian rock bands. The men that we want to reach grew up listening to Motley Crue, Metallica, Aerosmith, and other secular rock bands. John Schlitt's music bridges the gap between the two.

God has a unique plan for our lives. I believe that John's testimony and music can clearly convey that message. He is faithful in seeking God's direction in his life. I hope that you will consider utilizing John's ministry.

Thank you,

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