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To Whom It May Concern:

I'd like to let you know about the work of Rich Swingle, a drama evangelist on our district.

Rich has been performing his one-man plays and sketches and teaching workshops in churches on our district and around the world (almost 30 nations on five continents so far) since 1994. He's performed sketches at our District Assembly a number of times, and sometimes wrote scripts for specific celebrations. You can see the one about Harmon Schmelzenbach commemorating 100 years of NMI at www.RichDrama.com/Harmon.

We live in an age where film and television have more of an impact on society than politicians. Live drama takes that impact to the next level, and Rich is committed to bringing quality dramas to life that impact hearts and minds without polluting those dear hearts and minds with worldly language, images or messages. Most of the plays have an altar call built into the script, but he's always happy to add that if it's not already there.

Rich's workshops can span minutes or days, depending on your need. He's taught and/or performed in more than 40 colleges and universities, including an annual workshop at Princeton University: www.RichDrama.com/Schools.

He's performed in almost 30 film projects with Christian themes, including *Indescribable* where he and his wife, Joyce (an ordained elder on our District), and he play Frederick and Mrs. Lehman. The film tells how he wrote "The Love of God," but he went on to help found the Nazarene Publishing House. Rich is available before and/or after any of these films to talk about the making of the film and dig deeper into the themes: www.RichDrama.com/Films.

Rich's plays are based either on Scripture (*The Acts*, *The Revelation*, "Jonah," "Gideon," "Jeremiah," "Lazarus" or on Church history (*Beyond the Chariots*: the rest of the *Chariots of Fire* story, *Five Bells for 9/11*: track a Nazarene fire fighter through that dark day, *A Clear Leading*: about an early American abolitionist). You can see his whole lineup and find out more about Rich's unique ministry at www.RichDrama.com.

I hope you'll prayerfully consider partnering in ministry with Rich by hosting a play and/or workshop.

In Christ,

Rev. Art Alexander
District Superintendent
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