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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have known David and Judy Owens since 1995, when I met them at the inaugural conference of the Australian Vineyard churches in Perth, Australia. We have spent time together in one another's homes, at conferences and in various leadership meetings, committees and structures of responsibility. He was the founding pastor of the San Soucci Vineyard church near Sydney, Australia, and was appointed as one of the first leadership team of the Association of Vineyard Churches of Australia after its founding in 1996. He subsequently relocated to his native Canada, where he has pastored a church in the Vancouver area until his recent departure.

I have watched David in his capacity as a pastor and a leader in the movement of which we are both a part, and been impressed with his unpretentious, humble approach to leadership. He is well liked by those with whom he leads, as well as those whom he leads, but at the same time, he is able to give leadership in no uncertain terms. In short, I see in David a servant leader, who is given authority by people because of the way he serves them.

I find David to be a consistent man, always the same, warm friend no matter what he is going through. He has a clear and effective teaching gift which, when operating alongside the sincere love he has for people, results in their growth and movement toward their full potential.

I heartily commend him to the favourable consideration of any to whom this letter is shown, and am more than willing for him to use me in referral of him as a person and a potential work colleague. He will be an asset to any organisation which needs the gifts he displays.

Yours faithfully

Costa Mitchell
NATIONAL DIRECTOR