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To whom it may concern,

I am pastor for Jr & Sr High School Youth Ministry at Legacy Baptist Church. I have been in the position for 2 ½ years. Last year in 2018 my wife, other leaders in youth ministry and myself were seeking out additional unique experiences and guest speakers to offer our students. I reached out to Helmut Welke after he visited our church with Carl Kerby (formerly with Answers in Genesis).

Helmut is the President at the Quad City Creation Science Association and has blessed many churches, youth groups, and other venues with his talks and presentations on a wide array of topics! In 2018, he spoke on general Evolution vs. Creation as well as the fossil record the first time here as an introduction to our group. We hadn't had encountered many presentations from guest speakers. Many students felt it was beneficial to hear what was presented especially at a time when they are all hearing Evolution taught in science class as truth - with no explanation of the alternative idea that God Almighty could have created the World and everything in it just as He recorded in the Bible!

Helmut reached out a few months ago and asked if we may be interested in having him present again for our group, perhaps a different topic. I polled the students with topic choices and Dinosaurs was most popular! Helmut's presentation on Dinosaurs was fascinating and interactive. We had about 30 students present, and all were attentive, engaged, and asked questions or guessed answers. Helmut gave 3 big takeaways that were easy for anyone to get from the talk as to the evidences of the co-existence of humans and dinosaurs, which affirms the creation account in the Bible and the narratives we find of certain animals that are not regular land animals as we see today. It also refutes the findings and claims from Evolution. All in all, he helped our students see a more scientific, visible proof of the reliability and accuracy of the Biblical account and therefore helped to build their faith in God and confidence to refute empty claims while defending their faith.

I would recommend Helmut Welke to any Pastor or Youth Pastor and feel you would be blessed, as would the individuals you are shepherding. Faith and Science are not at odds - they can exist in the same space and our brothers and sisters in Christ need to see and hear it! He has a list of topics, and he would be glad to accommodate your group and felt needs! God bless! Please feel free to give a call if you need anything!

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