



Copyright & License Resources for the Church

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Licenses

Music:

- **Christian Church Licensing, Inc. (CCL)** - <http://www.ccli.com/> - this license covers over 3,000 publishers and over 300,000 worship service songs.
- **Christian Copyright Solutions (CCS)** - <http://www.christiancopyrightsolutions.com/> - this company is “a leading authority on church music copyrights, providing simple music licensing solutions and clear educational resources.” It allows churches to play, perform, and stream music legally.
- **LicenSing Online** - <https://www.licensingonline.org/en-us> - choose between single song, weekly, annual licenses. Easy to search and easy payment options.
- **OneLicense.net** – <https://www.onelicense.net/> - this license “offers permissions to reprint and use music in congregational worship aids.”

Video:

- **Christian Church Licensing, Inc. (CCL)** - <http://www.ccli.com/> - provides additional licenses for viewing movies and movie clips to enhance presentations, sermons, classes, and other events.
- **Church Video License (CVLI)** - <http://cvli.com/> - provides legal coverage of thousands of popular films to use in youth ministries, events, movie night, etc.

Copyright Resources

- **Copyright Guidelines for Churches: Reproducing and Using Printed Materials Music and Media** - http://leaderresources.org/sites/default/files/Brochures/LR_Copyright_Guidelines_010711.pdf - A freely available guide from Leader Resources. It discusses all aspects of copyright in regards to youth groups, Sunday school classes, photocopies, music, Internet, and media.
- **U. S. Copyright Office** - <http://www.copyright.gov/> - federal government copyright site.

- **Music Publishers Association** - <http://www.mpa.org/content/copyright-search> - locate the copyright holder for music
- **Church Music Publishers Association** - <http://www.cmpamusic.org/html/main.isx?sub=13> – Guide to copyright information
- **Copyright & Licensing** - <http://www.gbod.org/lead-your-church/copyright-licensing> - from an agency of the United Methodist Church, a blog with questions and answers to common uses of music in churches
- **CCS Community Blog** - <http://www.christiancopyrightsolutions.com/blog> - keep up-to-date on copyright in the church

Books & Other Resources

- **Christian Copyright Solutions: Fact Sheets**
<http://www.christiancopyrightsolutions.com/factsheets/>
- **Hammar, R. (2010). *Essentials guide to copyright law for churches.***
<http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/esgutocolawf.html>
- ***Copyright law: What every church must know.***
<http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/colawhevchmu.html>
- ***What church leaders need to know about copyright law basic training.***
<http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/whchlenetokn1.html> [enetokn1.html](http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/enetokn1.html)

Locating Free or Inexpensive Resources

- **Creation Swap** - <http://www.creationswap.com/> - locate images, photos, videos, logos, church bulletins, etc. Items are posted by Christian artists. Some are free, while others have a fee. Search by resource you want. It has the ability to limit to free items.
- **Flickr** - <http://www.flickr.com/creativecommons/> - Flickr allows users to post photos with a Creative Commons license. Most allow free use for non-commercial use.
- **Stock.xchng** - <http://www.sxc.hu/> - free stock photos. Use for non-commercial purposes only!
- **Creative Commons** - <http://search.creativecommons.org/> - search for images, photos, audio, video, and more!. Most are free to use for non-commercial use.
- **Public Domain Pictures** - <http://www.publicdomainpictures.net/> - photos free to use
- **Mutopia** - <http://www.ibiblio.org/mutopia/> - free sheet music
- **Choral Public Domain Library** - http://www1.cpdll.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page - repository of free choral sheet music