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.
- 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

• Music Publishers Association - [http://www.mpa.org/content/copyright-search](http://www.mpa.org/content/copyright-search) - locate the copyright holder for music

• Church Music Publishers Association -

• Copyright & Licensing - [http://www.gbd.org/lead-your-church/copyright-licensing](http://www.gbd.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](http://www.christiancopyrightsolutions.com/blog) - keep up-to-date on copyright in the church

Books & Other Resources

• Christian Copyright Solutions: Fact Sheets

  [http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/esgutocolawf.html](http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/esgutocolawf.html)

• Copyright law: What every church must know.
  [http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/colawhevchmu.html](http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/colawhevchmu.html)

• What church leaders need to know about copyright law basic training.

Locating Free or Inexpensive Resources

• Creation Swap - [http://www.creationswap.com/](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/](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/](http://www.sxc.hu/) - free stock photos. Use for non-commercial purposes only!

• Creative Commons - [http://search.creativecommons.org/](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/](http://www.publicdomainpictures.net/) - photos free to use

• Mutopia - [http://www.ibiblio.org/mutopia/](http://www.ibiblio.org/mutopia/) - free sheet music

• Choral Public Domain Library - [http://www1 cpdl.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page](http://www1 cpdl.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page) - repository of free choral sheet music