

**MEDIA
RESOURCES**

CHURCH COPYRIGHT LICENSE

Overview

The Need

The copyright law is very clear on copying music. If you do not have express permission from the rightful owner of the song, you cannot make a copy. Many church music leaders who have made efforts to honor the law and have tried to obtain permission first from the copyright owner before making copies have found this to be a time-consuming challenge and in many cases, an administrative nightmare.

Many have agreed...the copyright law is fair but not practical. That's why more than 145,000 churches across North America are taking advantage of the Church Copyright License from CCLI.

The Solution

The Church Copyright License is a contractual agreement with songwriters and publishers from around the world. For an annual license fee, a church receives legal authorization to copy from over 150,000 songs for congregational use. Here is a simplified version of the Church Copyright License:

What You Can Do

Print songs, hymns and lyrics in bulletins, programs, liturgies and songsheets for use in congregational singing.

Create your own customized songbooks or hymnals for use in congregational singing.

Create overhead transparencies, slides or use any other format whereby song lyrics are visually projected (such as computer graphics and projection) for use in congregational singing.

Arrange, print and copy your own arrangements (vocal and instrumental) of songs used for congregational singing, where no published version is available.

Record your worship services (audio or video) provided you only record live music. Accompaniment tracks cannot be reproduced. You may charge up to \$4 each for audiocassette tapes and CDs, and \$12 each for videotapes and DVDs.

What You Cannot Do

Photocopy or duplicate octavos, cantatas, musicals, handbell music, keyboard arrangements, vocal scores, orchestrations or other instrumental works.

Translate songs into another language. This can only be done with the approval of the respective publisher.

Rent, sell or lend copies made under the license to groups outside the church or to other churches. (It is OK to distribute recordings to shut-ins, missionaries or others outside the church.)

Assign or transfer the license to another church or group without CCLI's approval.

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Costs

What It Costs

The annual fee varies for the Church Copyright License, depending on your church size, as shown in the grid below. Church size is based on your regular attendance for your main service(s). If you have multiple services, use your combined attendance.

The Church Copyright License Annual Fee - U.S.

| Category | Church Size | Annual Fee |
|----------|-------------|------------|
| AH | 1-24 | \$49 |
| A | 25-99 | \$101 |
| B | 100-199 | \$170 |
| C | 200-499 | \$223 |
| D | 500-999 | \$312 |
| E | 1,000-1,499 | \$382 |
| F | 1,500-2,999 | \$460 |
| G | 3,000-4,999 | \$519 |

The Church Copyright License is an annual license. All terms are in effect only while the license is active. If the license is not renewed, all rights are terminated effective on the expiration date.

The quantity of copies allowed should not exceed the number of your "Church Size" category, with the exception that the quantity of recordings duplicated per service should not exceed 15% of the "Church Size" category.

For more information, contact CCLI at 1-800-234-2446 or www.ccli.com.

CHRISTIAN VIDEO LICENSING INTERNATIONAL

Overview

It's becoming more common. Pastors use portions of movies to enhance sermon points. Sunday school teachers and childcare workers play a full-length feature. Youth leaders show the latest videos. Educators use movies to train and inspire. For all these activities, the Church Video License provides legal coverage for your church.

Most of us fast-forward right through that FBI warning at the beginning of videos and DVDs. Ever wonder what it actually says? The Federal Copyright Act of 1976 stipulates that pre-recorded videos are authorized for personal home use only. Special permission must be granted for any public performance...and that includes churches. Violations can result in substantial fines, up to \$30,000 per infringement.

CCLI has joined with Motion Picture Licensing Corporation (MPLC) to form Christian Video Licensing International (CVLI), providing the Church Video License for churches and other ministry organizations who show videos and DVDs in a public setting. The Family Values Producer Package covers videos and movies focused on religious and family-based themes. The Total Producer Package also covers many big-name studios like Universal Pictures, Warner Brothers, Walt Disney Pictures, Touchstone, Paramount, and Fox.

Permission required

Pre-recorded home videocassettes or videodiscs (commonly available in retail or rental stores) are intended for personal, home use only. They generally do not carry licenses for public showings.

Viewing outside the home requires a license granting specific authorization. This is the case for each organization that uses videos—even for *nonprofit groups, even if admission is not being charged, and even though the video has been purchased.*

The Copyright Act of 1976 gives copyright owners almost total control of the use of their copyrighted works, including the right to perform films and videocassettes. By law, pre-recorded videocassettes and videodiscs are for home use only, unless you have permission to show them in public. Without permission, *you may be in violation of the Copyright Act and subject to substantial penalties.*

Permission granted

Churches and other ministry organizations can show videos and be in accordance with the U.S. Copyright Act by using one of the following methods:

1. Showing videos which have "Public Performance Rights,"
2. Receiving written permission prior to using the video, or
3. Obtaining coverage with the Church Video License

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Through an agreement with several producers, the CVLI Church Video License provides legal coverage for churches and for other ministry organizations to show home videocassettes and videodiscs of motion pictures. (Each organization needs to be specifically covered.) Coverage includes playing just a few seconds of a video all the way up to showing a full-length feature.

The Church Video License is one of the most cost effective and convenient ways for churches and other ministry organizations to protect themselves from the possibility of being fined for illegal use of videocassettes and videotapes.

What you can do

With this license:

1. Pastors can use selected movies to illustrate sermon points.
2. Sunday schools and Youth Groups can view the latest videos.
3. Educational classes can use videos for teaching and training.

Other ministry organizations (schools, childcare, conferences, camps) can also be licensed to include videos in their programs.

What you can't do

This license does not cover materials that have been copied from another source or recorded from television. It also does not cover charging an admission fee for video showings or where specific titles have been advertised or publicized.

Below you'll find our license fees for churches. Just call our toll-free number and let us know your church size along with the producer package you want. We can license you immediately—right over the phone. Once we verify your information, we'll provide a license number and your coverage will begin.

You'll find a detailed listing of producers for the Family Values Producer Package and the Total Producer Package by viewing the Producer List.

| Category | Church Size | Family Values Producer Pkg | Total Producer Pkg |
|----------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| A & AH | 1-99 | \$50.00 | \$180.00 |
| B | 100-199 | \$90.00 | \$180.00 |
| C | 200-499 | Not Available | \$180.00 |
| D | 500-999 | Not Available | \$250.00 |
| E | 1,000-1,499 | Not Available | \$350.00 |
| F | 1,500-2,999 | Not Available | \$475.00 |
| G & up | 3,000 & up | Not Available | \$600.00 |

For more information, contact CVLI at 1-888-771-2854 or www.cvli.org.