

## **Did you know that it is a local church's responsibility to get proper permission for the music they use?**

Whether in a pandemic or not, local churches need to be sure they have proper licensing for the copyrighted music they use while streaming. Churches want to be mindful of this not only for legal reasons, but to be respectful and supportive of artists who create this music.

Copyright infringement penalties can be high:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/copyright-101-penalties-for-copyright-infringement-usa-only>.

Below are some services, where you can obtain a license. These services, with their flat annual fees, can also bring peace of mind to local church Worship Teams who want to, for example, show words on screens during their services or create a songbook.

### **Available Streaming Licensing Services:**

- Christian Copyright Licensing Incorporated (CCLI) Streaming License: <https://us.ccli.com/streaming-license-terms-of-agreement/>
- Christian Copyright Solutions: <https://christiancopyrightsolutions.com/>
- One License: <https://www.onelicense.net/>

### **FYIs about sharing over social media channels:**

On social media channels such as YouTube, purchasing a license for streaming may not be enough. Many churches have found their content flagged even though they own the copyright material or have purchased the correct license due to the way these platforms algorithms monitor content.

Purchasing the licenses above do cover you. If you do get flagged, dispute the claim.

### **Additional Resources:**

1. Frequently Asked Copyright Questions and Myths from Discipleship Ministries: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/22-most-frequently-asked-copyright-questions-of-church-musicians>
2. Which streaming license is right for your church? <https://christiancopyrightsolutions.com/blog/which-streaming-license-is-right-for-your-church/>
3. The United Methodist Publishing House extends permission to use resources for online worship through July 31, 2021: <https://www.umph.org/Current-News/ArtMID/471/ArticleID/52/UMPH-Extending-Permission-to-Use-Resources-for-Online-Worship-through-July-31-2021>