Church Blanket Licenses

Blanket licenses provide churches with the simplest and most cost-efficient method to stay copyright compliant. These licenses allow different uses and cover different works. A blanket license allows licensees to use a catalog of copyrighted works for one fee.

Several blanket licenses have been created to meet the needs of churches and ministries. Here is a list of the best known of these, categorized according to their primary purpose:

**Church Performance Licensing**
- PERFORMmusic License by CCS

**Streaming Licensing**
- WORSHIPcast License by CCS
- Church Streaming and Podcast License by CCLI

**Reproduction Licensing**
- Church Copyright License by CCLI
- LicenSing Online
- OneLicense

**Church Rehearsal Licensing**
- Rehearse License by CCLI

**Video Licensing**
- Church Video License by CVLI

These licenses provide a mosaic of coverage, with very little overlap between catalog and rights granted.

While considering which licenses are needed for your church, identifying these three key elements will help you analyze the coverage of rights each blanket license provides:

1. Type of copyrights – Does this license allow me to use sound recordings, videos, or just music compositions?
2. Type of rights granted – Will this license provide the rights I need to perform, reproduce, or make derivatives of a copyright?
3. Copyrights Covered – Are all the songs used in my church ministries included in the license catalog?
Church Performance Licensing

The most foundational action your church should take towards copyright compliance is securing performance licensing. Performance licensing is required for churches playing or performing copyrighted music in routine ministry activities, as well as special events.

PERFORMmusic License by CCS
Catalog size: 17 million Christian, secular and seasonal songs from the catalogs of ASCAP, BMI and SESAC

CCS’s PERFORMmusic License allows churches to legally perform and play recorded music outside of religious services.

CCS’s PERFORMmusic License DOES grants the rights to:
- Play music before or after service
- Hold concerts (no admission charge)
- Play on-hold music
- Play music in bookstores and coffee shops
- Play music in aerobics and exercise classes
- Play music in seminars and conferences
- Play music at social functions

CCS’s PERFORMmusic License DOES NOT grant the rights to:
- Charge admission fees
- Retransmit performances on radio, TV or Internet
Internet Performance Licensing

**WORSHIPcast License by CCS**
Catalog size: 17 million Christian, secular and seasonal songs from the catalogs of ASCAP, BMI and SESAC.

CCS’s **WORSHIPcast License** DOES grant the rights to:
- Webcast live performances of music
- Webcast archived performances of music
- Charge for access to services

CCS’s **WORSHIPcast License** DOES NOT grant the rights to:
- Make performances available for download
- Webcast third party recordings
- Webcast copyrighted works other than songs

**Church Streaming and Podcast License by CCLI**
Catalog size: Over 300,000 worship songs

The **Church Streaming and Podcast License by CCLI** requires an active Church Copyright License by CCLI. This license grants the additional rights needed for churches to stream and podcast songs in the CCLI catalog online.

CCLI’s **Church Streaming and Podcast License** DOES grant the rights to:
- Stream your performances of catalog songs in worship services
- Podcast your performances of catalog songs in worship services

CCLI’s **Church Streaming and Podcast License** DOES NOT grant the rights to:
- Stream or podcast your performances other than worship services
- Stream or podcast copyrighted master recordings
- Stream or podcast songs not in catalog, including all secular songs
- Charge for access to streams or podcasts
- Use any copyrighted material besides songs
Reproduction Licensing

There are a several options available for reproduction licensing for churches. One of the key areas to consider before purchasing one or more reproduction licenses is identifying the catalog each covers.

**Church Copyright License by CCLI**

Catalog size: Over 300,000 worship songs

The **Church Copyright License by CCLI** grants rights for the reprinting of lyrics in congregational singing aids, limited CD and DVD reproduction of a worship service, and where no published version is available – the arrangement and translation of songs.

CCLI's **Church Copyright License** DOES grant the rights to:

- Print songs in bulletins, liturgies, programs, and song sheets*
- Print songs in bound or unbound songbooks compiled by the Church*
- Make overhead transparencies, slides, or to utilize electronic storage and retrieval methods for the visual projection of songs
- Print customized vocal and/or instrumental arrangements of songs, where no published version is available*
- Translate songs into another language where no published version is available
- Record songs in church worship services by either audio or audio-visual means*

*Note: The quantity of copies and recordings that may be created is limited based on the “Church Size” of the licensee. For additional information on the limitations, church responsibilities, and additional restrictions on rights granted, please refer to the Church Copyright License terms of agreement provided by CCLI.

CCLI's **Church Copyright License** DOES NOT grant the rights to:

- Photocopy or duplicate any choral sheet music (octavos), cantatas, musicals, handbell music, keyboard arrangements, vocal solos or instrumental works
- Distribute licensed printed materials outside the jurisdiction of Church use
- Rent or sale licensed printed materials
- Reproduce or make practice or rehearsal tracks
- Perform songs outside of worship services
- Feature music or lyrics online

**LicenSing Online**

Catalog size: Over 100,000 songs

The **LicenSing Online License** allows reproduction of songs for congregational singing. **LicenSing Online** features a greater variety of liturgical music than most other lyric reproduction licenses.

**LicenSing Online** DOES grant the rights to:

- Use catalog songs, hymns, lyrics for congregational singing

**LicenSing Online** DOES NOT grant the rights to:

- Record your performances
- Reproduce or copy sound recordings
- Make translations of songs
- Use of any copyrighted material besides songs
OneLicense
Catalog size: 62 publishers

OneLicense allows churches to make copies of songs for congregational singing. OneLicense includes many publishers which provide liturgical music.

OneLicense DOES grant the rights to:
- Use catalog songs, hymns, lyrics for congregational singing
- Record worship services for the home-bound
- Podcast your performance & create practice tracks

OneLicense DOES NOT grant the rights to:
- Reproduce or copy sound recordings
- Make translations of songs
- Use of any copyrighted material besides songs

Rehearsal Licensing

Rehearse License by CCLI
Catalog size: 188 approved labels

The CCLI Rehearse License allows worship leaders and church music directors to legally provide rehearsal copies of commercial audio recordings to their musicians via email, flash drives or on worship planning websites. The copies are intended for rehearsal purposes only and are not intended to remain as permanent copies for personal collections.

CCLI's Rehearse License DOES grant the rights to:
- Burn CDs from commercial CD recordings
- Burn CDs from digital downloads
- Upload recordings for listening via web-based Worship Planning software
- Email digital files to worship team

CCLI's Rehearse License DOES NOT grant the rights to:
- Download songs from free streaming services
- Provide recordings to musicians for their personal use
- Share recordings with non-members of the church choir, church band, or church vocalists
Video Licensing

Church Video License by CVLI
Catalog size: over 650 producers

The Church Video License by CVLI allows churches to show approved films and videos for specific uses. The catalog includes Christian and secular films and videos.

CVLI’s Church Video License DOES grant the rights to:
- Show videos to illustrate sermon points
- Show videos in Sunday schools and youth groups
- Show videos for teaching and training in classes
- Host special event movie nights
- Show whole videos or select portions

CVLI’s Church Video License DOES NOT grant the rights to:
- Reproduce videos
- Sync video to another medium
- Charge admission or advertise titles
- Retransmit on TV or internet
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