

Definition of Copyright Copyright is an intellectual property right given to the creators of original musical, literary and dramatic works

Copyright Law The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 is the legislation that currently operates in the UK and provides the creator with two main rights:

- ◆ **Economic** - this allows the creator to charge anyone who wishes to copy, perform or record their work for any commercial or non-commercial use.
- ◆ **Moral** - this allows the creator to protect their work from any change which might be considered offensive or not in keeping with their wishes.

Why Copyright is Needed If you only use hymnbooks during your times of worship, then a fee for copyright permission has already been paid because it was included in the purchase price of each book.

However, as technology continues to influence our worship activities, many of us now make our own song sheets, service sheets or we project words using an OHP or computer projection system. But permission must still be obtained from the copyright owner who will probably make a charge for use, in accordance with their rights under law.

The prospect of contacting copyright owners every time you wish to reproduce their work can be daunting. It was for this reason that Christian Copyright Licensing International was established, ensuring that copyright owners are properly rewarded for the use of their work and giving churches, schools and organisations the freedom to use material without the hassle of frequently contacting many different copyright owners.

Many churches are already aware of their responsibilities under copyright law. However **Churches in the United Kingdom will have additional licence requirements made upon them from January 2012.**

Concessions made through the law (section 67 of the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988) have been removed meaning every church playing music from a commercial 'sound recording' (CD, cassette etc) will require 2 licences as from Jan 2012.

For more details on the Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL) Church Licence please see here www.ccli.co.uk/ppl or contact Chris Williams on the details below.

Information To ensure churches are observing current copyright law there are a number of opportunities, provided by CCLI, for getting information.

- ◆ **Seminars** – CCLI now travel across the UK and Ireland providing seminars covering aspects of multimedia and reproduction rights in churches. Should you gather together all of your ministers in one place they can provide an education-style seminar lasting around 1 hour which touches on all areas of copyright in churches work. There is no charge for this service.
- ◆ **Brochures, Leaflets and Fact Files** – CCLI provides a number of pieces of literature covering many aspects of copyright or licensing within churches. Alternatively all of the CCLI literature can be provided in pdf format which may be easier for use via email or websites.
- ◆ **Health Checks** - Many churches are unable to work out what licences are required. CCLI's Copyright HealthCheck asks questions relating to activities within a church or ministry thus providing them with a means of showing what licences are required.