# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COPYRIGHT LAWS

**CCLI:** Christian Copyright Licensing Incorporated

**Q:** Why do I need a CCLI license?
**A:** Federal Copyright Law prohibits the unauthorized copying of "original works of authorship" (including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works), and penalties for copyright violations can be up to $150,000 per infringement. Ethically, owners of copyrighted material are entitled to the fruits of their labors, hence copyright protection for original works is fair and right.

**Q:** Do I need a CCLI license if my Installation Chapel owns one?
**A:** CCLI allows an Installation to purchase one license that covers all services on that specific Installation. Check with your Installation Chaplain to see if there has been one purchased for your installation.

**Q:** Does our Installation CCLI license cover retreats that take place off the Installation?
**A:** Retreats and Conferences require a special license called an "Event License." The price varies according to the size of the audience and a list of songs is required before the event. Any changes to the list can be submitted 10 days after the event.

**Q:** Can I print the words to a song without a CCLI license?
**A:** No. You cannot reproduce, in any printed form (PowerPoint, handouts, etc.) the words to a song without a CCLI license. [NOTE: A CCLI license does not cover words or music to songs posted on the internet. It is illegal to post words and/or music on the internet without the written permission of the composer and/or publisher.]

**Helpful Websites:**

**CCLI:**
http://www.ccli.com/US/WhatWeOffer/ChurchCopyrightLicenses.aspx

**US Copyright Office:**
http://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap1.html

**What is Intellectual Property?**
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