

Use of Legal Music in Kairos

There are four ways to use music legally at Kairos events: Use only a physical copy of the Kairos songbook (no photocopies or projection), purchase a *Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI)* license annually, purchase and use iWorship media, or use a combination. The Kairos songbook can be ordered at: <http://mykairos.org/order.html>

If you don't use the Kairos songbook exclusively, you must purchase a CCLI license. Ignoring the required fees and reporting required by CCLI is illegal and could incur large fines and legal fees to Kairos. 'I didn't know' is not a defense against legal action. Kairos International Office cannot purchase a license for every Kairos entity due to the reporting requirements. Therefore, it must be purchased at the local level. As followers of Christ, we must have integrity in these legal matters.

With the proper copyright license from CCLI, your Kairos Advisory Council/Weekend is legally covered to play Christian songs, store lyrics on a computer and project them and print song sheets and translate to another language. You can search over 100,000 songs to use on their website.

CCLI contact information: <https://us.ccli.com> or 800-234-2446

1. It's Illegal To Display Copyrighted Lyrics Without A License

If you're singing songs and using lyrics (projected or on paper) for songs outside of the Kairos songbook without a license, it is illegal. This is an industry standard that applies to all Christian music unless declared as *public domain* (CCLI lists these also). Your church's CCLI license does not cover Kairos events; you need a license specifically for your Kairos Advisory Council.

2. You Must Display Copyright Info for Each Song

It's required by CCLI that you display proper information directly on the song slides or on the paper you have printed the song lyrics. Copyright info for each song should look like this:

"Hallelujah," words and music by John Doe

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3. Reporting Is Necessary

CCLI will contact you via the email registered to the CCLI license once every 2.5 years and will require reporting on which songs you've used for a six-month period. To be prepared for these reports, it is recommended keeping a log of the songs you've used and how many times you have used them. This is not only for Kairos Weekends, but every Kairos function (retreats, fundraisers, team meetings, monthly reunions, etc.)

4. Secular Music

Because secular music is not covered by CCLI, it is illegal to use without written permission from the copyright owner; it shouldn't be used unless it is in the Kairos songbook or is Public Domain.

5. Use of Videos

If you contact the copyright holder of a You Tube video and get written permission to download and use the song/video, then you are legal. But if you don't, it is illegal.

6. Use of DVD Clips

Including short video clips from popular movies is a great way to illustrate a point. However, special permission to use these clips is required due to the regulations on DVD and Blu-Ray discs. These rights can be easily obtained through purchasing an annual Video License from CCLI.

7. Use of iWorship DVD's

Included in the purchase of the iWorship Resource System DVD's, is the license to play the audio and project it's lyrics in any public venue. Purchase of the iWorship DVD's does not give permission to make copies of the DVD. Anyone desiring to make copies of the purchased DVD's must contact CCLI for permission to do so. The "*@home*" version is only licensed for home (private) use and cannot be used at Kairos events. <https://davidccook.org/terms-of-use/>