



Church Copyright Fact File

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Do we have to report?

Yes. CCLI is here to ensure that the correct copyright owners are remunerated with royalties when their works are copied or reproduced and we do this using the information gathered in reports.

To find out more about reporting see the *Reporting Fact File* or visit uk.ccli.com/reporting.

What is copyright?

Copyright is an intellectual property right given to the creators of original musical, literary and dramatic works. The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (CDPA) 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.

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