

First UU San Antonio

Copyright Policy

Any use of copyrighted works in connection with congregational activities must be conducted in accordance with applicable law. Works that may be subject to copyright include, for example, music, recorded performances, written works, videos and movies.

The church will purchase one or more blanket licensing for videos and movies, music, and written works. The list of items included in the blanket licensing contract(s) will be kept with either the Church Administrator or the list can be obtained from the licensing companies. If copyrighted material is to be used during any congregation-sponsored event or activity or in any publication or communication, and the copyrighted material is not a part of the blanket license(s) or subject to exceptions within the applicable copyright laws themselves, then it is the responsibility of the event organizer(s) to secure any necessary rights to use the material and to provide appropriate documentation of these rights to the Church Administrator.

Copyrighted readings and live or recorded music may be used in our Sanctuary for religious services and our Religious Education classes without such permission, as such works come within exceptions of the copyright laws. However, copyrighted video may not be used without permission.

Copyrighted material may not be included in any video or audio recording of the service, nor may we distribute copies of copyrighted sheet music, readings, etc. without permission from the copyright holder. Permission for this use shall be provided to the Church Administrator.

Permission to show movies or other video must be obtained by the group sponsoring the showing (unless these permissions are included in the blanket licensing) and documentation must be provided to the Church Administrator. Commercial video may be used if the sponsoring group has contacted the copyright holder, obtained permission and/or paid any required fees for the use of the video. Fees must be paid from the sponsoring group's budget or from another payment source. No movie titles will be listed on the official church calendar, website, Facebook page, or other communications until the necessary rights have been obtained. **In some instances, video titles may not be used online regardless of receiving permission and paying a usage fee.** Ask the copyright holder at the time or receiving permission/paying a fee.

This Copyright Policy will be considered in effect anytime a group is meeting on campus, regardless of the day or time of the meeting.

<https://www.uua.org/publications/copyright-primer-for-congregations#:~:text=FAQs%20about%20Copyright%20Law%20for,used%20in%20a%20temporary%20way.>

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