Official sources for the Copyright Law of the United States of America

http://www.loc.gov/copyright - The Library of Congress

Library of Congress (LOC)
Copyright Office
101 Independence Ave., S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20559-6000
(202) 707 – 3000
Mon-Fri, 8:30-5:00 PM, EST

http://www.copyright.gov - The United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress

Library of Congress
Copyright Office – Publications Section, LM – 455
101 Independence Ave., S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20559 – 6000
(202) 707 – 3000 // TTY (202) 707 – 6737
Mon-Fri, 8:30-5:00 PM, EST

1. A wealth of information is available including downloadable forms to request copyright registration, circulars and brochures, fact sheets, reports, studies and Compendium II – "Copyright Office Practices."

Sample brochures available from the Library Of Congress include:
Circular No. 2: "Publications on Copyright"
Circular No. 50: "Copyright Registration for Musical Compositions"

Listserve@LOC.GOV -

1. A **FREE** electronic mailing list, **"NewsNet"** service provided by the Library Of Congress. Register by e-mailing a request to join to the above address. Messages alert subscribers to hearings, deadlines for comments, new and proposed regulations, new publications, and other copyright related subjects of interest.
2. Subscribers have the opportunity to offer their input and suggestions regarding pending legislation and/or Congressional hearings about issues and proposals pertaining to the United States Copyright Law.

http://www.customs.gov -

1. Copyright owners may register their intellectual property with the US Customs Office for protection against the importation of infringing copies.
2. Publication No. 563: "How to Protect Your Intellectual Property" is available through this site.

http://usinfo.state.gov/usa -

1. Offers an abundance of information about current events, civil rights, culture, arts and the government structure of the United States. Type the words, **"Copyright Law"** into the **"Key Word" search** to view an extensive listing of recent Federal Court Cases regarding the Copyright Law of the United States of America.

Copyright Law Resources and Professional Organizations

http://www.cmpamusic.org - Church Music Publisher Association

CMPA Membership Information
P.O. Box 158992
Nashville, TN
(615) 791-0273 // Fax: (615) 790 – 8847

1. Founded in 1926 this organization's members include very well known church music publishers. The site is a great resource for church musicians who are searching for concise, but thorough information regarding the United States Copyright Law.
2. **All material on this site is copyrighted**. However, some forms are available to download at no cost or license agreement to the user.
3. Members of CMPA including well known Catholic and Christian Publishers are listed on the site.

http://www.mpa.org/agancy - Music Publisher's Association of the United States

1. This site contains a plethora of information on the United States Copyright Law, including answers to questions about "fair use" and public domain. All material appears to be available to download.
2. Hundreds of Music Publishers are listed on the site.

http://www.menc.org - Music Educators' National Conference

1. **Provides comprehensive copyright information in the Resource Section of the site.** The information appears to be reproducible.
2. Educational and 'fair use' applications are addressed to users of music for performance and educational purposes.

http://ccli.com - Christian Copyright Licensing International

1. A licensing agency for church musicians to obtain copyright licenses to more than 150,000 songs.
2. Most Catholic publishers have their own licensing departments and do not list their music with CCLI. You must contact the publisher directly if a song you would like to reprint, license or arrange is not listed with CCLI or a similar licensing agency.
3. The vast majority of songs available through CCLI are General Christian, Protestant or Gospel Songs.
4. Other licenses available from CCLI include event, mobile copyright, church video, and song select lyric service.

General Music Licensing Agencies

ASCAP Index Department
1 Lincoln Plaza
NY, NY 10023
(212) 595 –3050
www.ascap.com

BMI Index Dept.
320 West 57th St.
NY, NY 10019
(212) 586 – 2000
www.bmi.com

Harry Fox Agency
c/o National Music Publisher's Association
711 3rd Ave., 8th Floor
NY, NY 10017
www.nmpa.org

http://www.printmusic.org - Retail Print Music Dealers Association RPMDA

1. All material on this site is copyrighted, however it does provide useful information on the Copyright Law.
2. Copyright infringements reported to RPMDA will be investigated.

http://www.sesac.com - Performing Rights Organization for Songwriters and Publishers

1. Headquarters in Nashville with branch offices in New York City, Los Angeles and London.