

Guidelines for Worship Usage

Approved by Administrative Council

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The Visual Technology Team Overview

The Visual Technology Team will be made up of several dedicated people who have gifts and interests in the visual arts ministry. At least one member of the team will serve as team chairperson who will recruit, train, and schedule members of the team and be the communication link to the Worship Team which supervises this ministry under the oversight of the Administrative Council.

Usage Guidelines

1. The primary usage of this ministry is to project words of the songs, creeds, and responsive readings which will be used during the worship services.
2. Any pre-service usage should be used to enhance the worship service (scripture verses, etc.), sacramental highlights, and occasionally for current pertinent information relating to the family life of Friendship. It is not however intended for general announcements about upcoming events.
3. Visual technology may be used for the enhancement of ministries of music and missionary reporting presentations.
4. The preaching pastor will continue to encourage people to use their Bibles for the reading of scripture. Visual projection is not intended to be used for the reading of sermon scripture, but may be used to display supporting texts.
5. If visual projection is used during the sermon, the preaching pastor will use it in such a way as to enhance the proclamation of the Word and not detract from it.
6. Visual presentations will not be used during worship services for the financial promotion of kingdom, classical, denominational, or para-church ministries. It will also not be used during worship services that would serve as entertainment, fund raising, promotion, or other purposes not related to worship. Any exceptions to this guideline must have prior approval by the Administrative Council.
7. If the preaching pastor, on very short notice, is unable to conduct the worship service or find a replacement, the system may be used to present a video sermon by someone approved for ministry in the CRC.
8. All non-worship use is to be determined by the Administrative Council.