

TOP 10 INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND RESOURCES FOR MUSIC & WORSHIP

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I've got a good idea!

10. WORSHIP PRESENTATION SOFTWARE

- a. easyworship.com** – The latest and “easiest” worship software on the market...displays songs, scriptures, and video clips and loops
- b. mediashout.com** – Delivers life’s most important message through song lyrics, Bible verse, graphics, text screens, sounds and video clips
- c. fowlerinc.com** (SongShow Plus) – Displays songs spontaneously, prepare worship programs, customize song lyrics, uses large database of CCLI’s SongSelect
- d. softpraise.com** – Unique feature displays both lyrics and notes on screen.

Wow! That’s a great idea!

9. VIDEOS, CLIPS & LOOPS

- a. corbis.com** – World’s preeminent visual solutions provider—licensing images seen by millions of people daily in advertising, books, newspapers, magazines, on TV and in films.
- b. digitaljuice.com** – Leader in royalty-free products for animations, graphics, music, video clips.
- c. iworshipnow.com** – An innovative new dimension in worship music – a total multimedia worship that combines the latest advances in audio-visual presentations with powerful songs in the Church today.

What’s the big idea!

8. MULTIPLE KEYBOARD MINISTRY

- a. **Midi keyboards**** will enhance worship with orchestral sounds that might not be available through orchestral instrumentalists. Midi keyboards can be used with piano or organ to create a blended sound in worship.
- b. **Examples--Multiple Keyboard Collections**** (LifeWay products) – My All in All, arr. Michael Sharp; Two Plus One, vol. 1 & 2, arr. Todd Billingsley; Worship & Praise, arr. Vicki Hancock Wright; Glorious is Thy Name, arr. Stephen Nielson & Ovid Young
- c. **Keyboard Ensembles**** – Michael Sharp, Music professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is a proponent of using multiple keyboards in worship.

Now, there’s an idea!

7. WEBSITES

- a. **Search Engine**** – google.com; ask.com
- b. **Graphics**** – prismo.com
- c. **Backgrounds, Clip-art & Animation Links**** – theshockzone.com, webpagebackground.com, free-backgrounds.com, powerpointart.com, ip.pt/webground/main, churchartpro.com, cc-art.com
- d. **Technology in Ministry**** – ccbnonprofits.com (non-profit software); dalite.com (screens, LCD projectors, computer setups); fowlerinc.com (video projection equipment); portablechurch.com (portable sound systems, audio/video).
- e. **Music Worship**** – worshiptogether.com; seekersolutions.com; worshipextreme.com; HeartstoGod.com, worshipideas.com; willowcreek.org; saddleback.org; minister-of-music.com; worshiplife.com; vitalworship.com; churchmusicnow.com
- f. **Drama**** – dramaministry.com; drama4church.com; thewestcoast.com; dramaquest.com; recreat.com; crosspointscripts.com
- g. **Interpretive Movement**** – saltandlightmin.org; curtaincallinc.org; seekpromotions.com; christiandance.com; balletmagnificat.com

Hey, have you ever thought of this idea?!

6. INNOVATIVE WORSHIP ARTICLES

a. [scworshiparts.info](#) – See Archived articles (on left column) Sample titles: Youth Choir in the 21st Century; The Emergence of Dramatic Worship; The Future of Children’s Music; CASTaNET articles – 10 Lessons Learned Moving from Traditional to Blended Worship Style; Worship and Music to name a few.

b. [worshipideas.com](#) – Numerous articles that will strengthen your music ministry.

c. [lifeway.com](#) – See Music Ministries or Minister of Music; also check out the 96-page resource quarterly issues of Let’s Worship full of innovative worship ideas, music, drama, and more.

That’s not a bad idea!

5. INNOVATIVE DRAMA RESOURCES

a. [LillenasWorshipResources.com](#) – 7 Sketches for 7 Songs – Short 5-7 minute dramatic monologues that have been paired with 7 octavos. It comes with a performance video.

b. LifeWay – Aha Moments (CD-ROM) by Matt Tullos – Contains 200 scripts plug-ins for worship with photocopy rights included.

That’s a brilliant idea!

4. CONTEMPORIZED HYMNS

a. Lillenas has come out with a series of contemporized hymns (3 in each medley) – Grace to Love Him More; Crown Him Lord and King; Come Adore the King

b. LifeWay has a collection called Packages of Praise – Medleys of songs arranged for choir and congregation, accompanied by exciting orchestrations. Uses praise and worship choruses, woven together with a related hymn with optional endings.

I love that idea!

3. BROADWAY STYLE MUSICALS

a. A great resource for Christian Dinner Theatre productions – Dream House; Solomon; State Road 47; all written by Dennis and Nan Allen; available through LifeWay.

How did you ever think of that idea!

2. MUSIC & MISSIONS

a. Take your choir(s), handbell group, instrumental group and perform in a mall, community park, or festival.

b. Try reverse missions by singing a Christian song from other country in their language. Great source: Halle, Halle: We Sing the World Around by Michael Hawn - A multi-cultural songbook with 36 selections from Africa, Latin America, and Asia, over half never before published in the USA.

You are so full of good ideas!

1. REASONS FOR SINGING IN THE CHOIR

a. If you’re a soprano...the rest of the choir exists just to make you look good.

b. If you’re an alto...when the sopranos are holding some outrageously high note at the end of a piece, the altos ALWAYS get the last word.

c. If you’re a tenor...you can show the sopranos how it SHOULD be sung.

d. If you’re a bass...if you get a cold, so what!

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