To Church Worship Ministry Leaders…

For more than 20 years, I have been leading worship, planning services, and training others to do the same. I love serving the church, and am honored to be one of thousands of people who help facilitate the worship and praise life of local churches around the world. Like you, one of the biggest challenges I face is finding quality resources to help my ministry teams as we attempt to administer the worship life of a local church. For the last 13 years, I have spent my vocational life working to resource the worldwide church in worship. For all of that time, I have researched, reviewed, and recommended the best resources I could find for churches.

Some time ago a friend of mine (Arlen Salte) asked me to prepare some resources for a class that he wanted me to teach at his large Break Forth worship conference in Canada. That class would end up being called "Songs and Media Research." Churches around the world were longing for a quality resource guide to help them sift through the thousands of products and services available. I compiled an outline and a general set of notes I felt would be helpful. The next step was to develop a real life compilation of resources in a nicely edited guide. With the help of my good friend Martin Caffrey, who did excellent research for this project, we compiled an initial pass of resources that became the foundation of what you see in this guide. I added to the list extensively, editing and shaping the list to serve the need. I also leaned on some friends who gave expert advice in specific areas. Hearty thanks go to Jeremy Dunn (product resources), Nate Ragan (media) and Dave Williamson (choir) for their helpful thoughts.

Then, I put on my editor's hat and revisited each of the sites as a practical user, investigating, reviewing and editing listings once more. The result is an actual edited guide to great resources and providers of church songs and media. Finally, I wanted to add some contextual information regarding the history of modern worship music resources and the tremendous transition our churches have been going through over the last forty years.

We hope you find this helpful to your ministry.

Serving with you,
Kim Anthony Gentes