## **Instructions to Lecturer**

Re: Branch Sponsor and Contractor Copyright Agreement

You can use the attached template as a Copyright Agreement between you and the sponsoring branch AND/OR the videographer (or other contractor) recording your lecture. This agreement will make it clear to all parties involved that you retain copyright ownership in more than just the words of your lecture and that you also own the video recording, which is a derivative of your lecture and is a separate copyright. This Copyright Agreement is based on U.S. law.

(Scroll to page 2 for the agreement.)

## (Date)

## Dear (Branch sponsor),

Thank you for inquiring as to video recording my lecture. In order to allow that, it is important that I retain copyright ownership of all forms of my lecture. Therefore, a representative of the board of the branch church or society who is hiring the video contractors, as well as the video contractors, need to complete this form before the event. Then please return the signed form to me.

## **Copyright Agreement**

Re: (Lecture title) by (Lecturer's name) (date) (address)

Any audiovisual, pictorial, graphic, sound recording, derivative, or other work based on the above identified Lecture (the "Work") created by Lecture Sponsor and or Sponsor's employees or subcontractors (Contractor) for Lecturer while under this Agreement is "work made for hire" for the Lecturer pursuant to U.S. Copyright law, and if it does not so qualify, Sponsor and/or Contractor hereby assigns all his/her/its rights, title and interest throughout the universe in the Work to the Lecturer, including copyrights, effective from the moment of creation, for use in any and all media, including but not limited to electronic formats either now known or hereafter developed, with or without modification or attribution, and Sponsor and/or Contractor irrevocably relinquish for the benefit of the Lecturer any moral rights in the Work which may be recognized by applicable law.

Accordingly, the parties agree that Lecturer shall own all rights, including but not limited to all copyrights and the physical material embodying the same and that the parameters of future use of the Work are at the total discretion of the Lecturer.

This Agreement shall be governed by U.S. Copyright Law without regard to choice of law principles. If a court with jurisdiction holds any term in the Agreement invalid or unenforceable: (i) such term will be restated to reflect as nearly as possible the original intentions of the parties in accordance with applicable law; and (ii) the remaining terms of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

| Branch Sponsor   |      |
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| Authorized Signature of Branch Sponsor Dat                                 | e    |
| Print name of Contractor working for Sponsor                               |      |
| Indicate the services provided (such as photography, audio/video recording | ()   |
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