

Security Report to the Board of Trustees  
May 14, 2018

There has been concern expressed over the use of video security recording devices that also included audio recordings. Concerns were expressed that some people fear there are other devices in place in the church that are capable of creating audio recordings.

This concern has been expressed from congregation members for a variety of reasons, most importantly being that we want our church to be a “safe place” where people can speak of spiritual and personal matters with a sense that their privacy and the confidential nature of those conversations will be respected. Trustees are also aware that it is illegal in the state of California to obtain an audio recording without the consent of the person being recorded, so we have added a notice of recording to Sunday worship bulletin to alert worshippers that our worship services are indeed recorded each week.

I was authorized by the Board of Trustees to confirm that there are no audio recording devices currently in use at Community Church with the exception of the live streaming of our worship services.

Ron Nichols of Starvision Security of Santa Ana came on April 23 and thoroughly inspected the interior and exterior of the church. He confirmed that the only recording devices, outside of the equipment used for Sunday morning worship streaming and recording, are the three Ring devices on the outside of the building, installed for security purposes.

I contacted Ring on May 5. The help desk there ran a check and sent me the following on May 7:

“As I see in the system all your sound setting are on minimum - 1 or 0. Also I have contacted our technicians with this question and we can suggest you to block audio ports on your devices. Then all videos will be without any sound.”

I have not followed up on the next step, but would be willing to do so if the Trustees feel it's necessary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Reynolds, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees