



Streamit Church Radio brings the church to the people at home



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# Church Radio bridges the distance

*"I go to church"* is not always so straightforward for everybody. For example, people are often far from their homes for either their work or study. But also illness or a duty that entails remaining at home can also be a reason for absence. Yet all these travellers, students, soldiers, the sick and their carers still wish to remain involved in their church.

With Church Radio, your church services can be listened to live outside of the church, whether it is at home or anywhere else in the world.

Church Radio is a modern way of building a congregation in that it provides contact at all times and at all places with your members and with others who are interested. Technology helps maintain relationships and involvement.

Churches in the Netherlands have been familiar with the phenomenon of the Church Telephone for decades. This is an analogue manner of listening from a distance via the telephone network. In this way, the old and the sick can remain involved in the weekly Sunday gatherings in the church building.

The internet has made a new form of Church Telephone possible: Church Radio.

For a number of years, Church Radio has made rapid advances in the Netherlands and offers the old, the sick, as well as others, the opportunity to remain in close contact with their own congregation, irrespective of time and place.

Streamit is the market leader in the field of church radio systems and it is able to offer you objective and considered advice through our close co-operation with selected dealers / installers. Technical expertise and wide practical experience provides you with the guarantee that you can quickly and efficiently use Church Radio via the internet as a means of giving a boost to relationships and involvement in your congregation.

## Building up a congregation in the 21st century

It is no easy task for a congregation in the 21st century to maintain their members' involvement. Churches are becoming less full, volunteers are getting harder to come by and contacts are not so close as they used to be. It is difficult to compete with the many distractions and the hectic nature of modern life. Members of our modern society consume, they are easily distracted and they quickly transfer their attention to anything that offers more entertainment. The new forms of media and the internet have undoubtedly played a major role.

For this reason it is such a challenge to build up a congregation at this current time. How is it possible to maintain a relationship with individual members, and perhaps even strengthen a congregation, at a time of casualness and superficiality? How do we build relationships and how do we maintain them at a time in which time and place themselves appear to play secondary roles? How do we involve both the young and the old so that they remain within the congregation? Can modern technology also play a positive role when it comes to involvement with one's own local congregation?

Online congregations on the internet are a frequent and well-known phenomenon. One can be a member of one or more 'communities', irrespective of time and place. The members present themselves and maintain contact with friends and acquaintances throughout the world. In this manner, even telephone calls and video discussions are possible. The possibility of also providing presentations and concerts for a large number of online visitors is already a common usage.

The church congregation of the 21st century can make use of these new means in order to attract and involve new and existing members to the congregation.

In this brochure, we would like to introduce you to one possible solution: Church Radio via the internet.

Listen wherever and whenever you like to the services and meetings of your own congregation: world-wide and 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## Church Radio via the internet



The broadcasting of church services via the internet is an up-to-date technology that has more than proved itself. This is a solution with a world-wide reach that undoubtedly is the future. Broadcasting via the internet offers even more advantages. You can limit the broadcasts so that they are only received by your own church members. Or you can save a church service in a memory so that it can later be listened to at any time of the day and at any place throughout the world.

For this form of church radio, the church requires a broadband internet connection and the listener requires either a telephone connection or an internet connection via the telephone or cable.

Streamit supplies the necessary technology: the internet broadcaster in the church and the receivers for the listeners.

The broadcasting capacity in the church needs be geared to the number of listeners. In order to avoid this problem, an external service provider with a large distribution capacity can be used. In this way, the technology and management are limited to an absolute minimum as the internet broadcaster in the church only has to send a signal to the service provider.

*The internet broadcaster SAS100 converts the sound from the church into a MP3 signal which is then available via the internet.*

*Listeners can log in to the broadcaster no matter where they are in the world. This can be via a standard telephone connection or a broadband internet connection via the telephone or cable.*

*The listener also requires a PC or a plug&play Lukas internet receiver.*

*The Lukas internet receiver then converts the MP3 signal back to an audible analogue signal.*

## Internet Church Radio for internal distribution



Streamit has specially developed the SIR80 internet receiver for distribution via internal networks in, for example, nursing homes and institutions. This receiver is tuned to one specific broadcaster and is always on standby. As soon as the church service begins, the receiver switches itself on. The SIR80 can also be used to receive, for example, programmes from local broadcasters that are available via the internet.

## Church Radio via the internet facts:

- Already used by more than 1000 churches in the Netherlands
- Users listen via a special receiver through the telephone line or internet connection
- Very userfriendly for elderly people

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