

## **Alcohol Use Policy**

### **Council Policy**

- 1). The serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages on church property is allowed upon approval & under strict limitations in order to safeguard the wellbeing of church members, staff and guests, to assure compliance with state and local laws and regulations and to minimize risk for and limit the liability of all parties.
- 2). When such permission is granted, the group, ministry or individual hosting the event assumes responsibility for keeping the event safe and assuring that participants and guest adhere to the church alcohol use policy and to state and local laws, ordinances and regulations.
- 3). The designated leader must be present at the event and assumes responsibility for assuring that the policy is followed before, during and after the event.
- 4). The Staff will post the current policy on the Church Website.
- 5). No alcohol may be stored on the premises, and all empty alcohol containers must be removed at the end of the event.

### **Events held by church & non-church groups on church property**

1. Advance notice must be given to the office when alcohol is going to be served at an event, and organizers must agree to read and follow the policy that are given.
2. Groups serving alcohol regularly must read the alcohol policy annually and agree to follow the policy.
3. Attractive alternative beverages must also be served whenever alcohol is served.
4. A donation may be collected, but no alcohol may be sold.
5. If minors are present, special care must be taken to see that they do not consume alcohol.
6. Inebriated persons may not be served alcohol and must be discourage from driving.
7. No hard liquor may be served.

### **Events held by church groups off church property (excluding property rented for church use)**

1. The church explicitly excludes from the purview of its alcohol policy events hosted off campus even is the events support the programs and purposes of the church. If the host of such an event chooses to serve alcoholic beverages at such an event, the host assumes all liability.

### **Alcohol use by renters and other non-church groups is not permitted unless:**

1. Permission has been granted by Council/Trustees and the caterer/host takes responsibility for the serving of alcohol.
2. The caterer/host must serve in compliance with applicable rules and regulations and state laws.
3. The caterer/host provide evidence of liquor liability insurance or sign a waiver of liability.