

Alcohol Use Policy

In accordance with the custom of this congregation and the decision of the vestry and rector, it is permissible to serve alcoholic beverages at any function taking place in the facilities of St. Peter's Church in compliance with applicable federal state and local laws and subject to the following policy.

1. Planning:

- Through the parish administrator, the rector is to be notified in advance of the intent to serve alcoholic beverages.
- Groups renting the facility may only serve alcohol by prior written agreement with the church, including a signed statement of consent to this policy.

2. Serving:

- Responsible adults must be in control of the serving of alcoholic beverages at all times, in order to assure moderate consumption and to prohibit serving to minors. Such responsibility includes providing alternative transportation for anyone whose driving ability might be impaired.
- Any beverage or food that contains alcohol must be clearly labeled as such.
- Food must be available at all functions where alcohol is served.
- The method of serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks should be equal, as well as, the type of drinking containers available. It is inappropriate to serve a good bottle of wine in a crystal glass when the only alternative is a can of soda in the back of the refrigerator (or a pot of coffee on the stove) with nothing to drink from but a paper cup.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be sold.
- Alternate non-alcoholic beverages are to be offered to participants at any function with equal dignity and hospitality. Suitable alternative beverages might include: non-alcoholic sparkling wine, punch, bottled water, soda drinks, fruit juice, coffee or tea.
- Persons who choose not to drink alcoholic beverages should not be made to feel embarrassment, discomfort, or inconvenience in exercising their preference.

3. Advertising and publicity:

- No announcements, advertisements or promotional material should imply that drinking alcohol is a social requirement.
- Alcoholic beverages should not be a part of the identification of church events - e.g. "Reception with Hors-d'oeuvres," or "Reception with Light Refreshments," not "Wine and Cheese Reception".
- Alcohol should not be served in such a way as to teach children that growing up necessarily implies alcohol consumption. Thus, references to "kiddie cocktails," and "Shirley Temples" are to be avoided.

"But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block . . ."

1 Corinthians 8:9

I have read and consent to abide by this policy during my event on _____.

Signature

Date