



**Policy of the Vestry on Serving Alcoholic Beverages
at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**

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The Episcopal Church has never endorsed the prohibition of using beverages containing alcohol among her adult members. Scripture offers Jesus' example of the use and serving of wine in his first miracle at Cana and in the institution of the Lord's Supper. However, if an adult member elects to consume alcohol, moderate usage is expected. Church members should make themselves aware of those conditions that might consequently compromise the health and safety of themselves and others. The Church also supports and has a responsibility to those people who abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages for whatever reason.

When alcoholic beverages are served at any function at Trinity Cathedral parish the following guidelines are to be observed:

1. Except for wedding receptions, alcohol may not be served at parish or other functions where children are expected to be present
2. Only wine and beer may be served.
3. All applicable federal, state and local laws are to be strictly obeyed.
4. Alcoholic beverages and food containing alcohol must be clearly designated and offered as such, and attended at all times by a responsible server.
5. Whenever alcohol is served, non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal attractiveness and accessibility.
6. The serving of alcoholic beverages at church events should not be publicized as an attraction of the event
7. The group or organization sponsoring the activity or event at which they wish to serve alcohol must have permission of the Dean and Rector or someone designated for this plan.
8. Any waiver from this policy for a particular event (such as, for example, Mardi Gras), must be approved in advance by the Vestry.

Event and Event Date: _____

Requested by: _____

I agreed to the above guidelines – Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved by Vestry: _____ Date: _____