

Christ Episcopal Church

New Bern, NC

POLICY ON SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Episcopal Church has never endorsed the prohibition of using beverages containing alcohol among adult members. If an adult member elects to use alcohol, however, responsible usage is expected. Church members should be educated regarding those conditions which might compromise the health and safety of themselves and others. The Church also supports and is sensitive to those people who abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages for whatever reason. At Christ Episcopal Church the following guidelines must be upheld in serving alcoholic beverages at church sponsored functions or functions held at the church facility:

- All applicable federal, state, and local laws shall be obeyed, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors.
- Excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages and intoxication is not permitted at any church sponsored function and/or on the premises of Christ Episcopal Church.
- Alcoholic beverages and food containing alcohol must be clearly labeled as such.
- Whenever alcohol is served, non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal attractiveness and accessibility.
- The service of alcoholic beverages at church events should not be publicized as an attraction of the event.
- Only alcoholic beverages with less than 18% alcohol content (beer and wine only) may be served on the premises of Christ Episcopal Church.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be served in self-serving buffet style on the premises of Christ Episcopal Church. They are to be served by a designated person.
- Since alcohol is a mood-altering drug, the nature of the function at which alcoholic beverages are proposed to be served should be considered.
- Alcoholic beverages remaining from a function held on church premises, whether or not church-sponsored, must be removed from church premises immediately after the function has ended

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