

Subject: **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

INTRODUCTION

The serving of alcoholic beverages at Holy Cross Episcopal Church shall be governed by the Diocesan policy on alcohol. Those basic guidelines are listed below.

POLICY

1. Only beer and wine can be served on church property. Liquor of any form can not be served on church property.
2. Any group of people sponsoring an event where alcohol is being offered should be a parish organization or a group of members of the parish, the event coordinator must request use of the facilities at least two weeks in advance of the event so that it can be authorized per ADM-003 and be noted on the calendar.
3. No alcohol may be served at any events coordinated especially for the youth. (*The Agape dinner and wedding receptions are not youth events and do not need exceptions.*)
4. Those offering alcohol at the pavilion should be aware of AA meetings on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. AA will be notified by the parish secretary of such events and given a **CHOICE** of moving the meeting.
5. A copy of the alcohol policy must be signed by anyone coordinating events serving alcohol. The signed copy must be submitted with the request for use of the facilities.
6. Any beverage, which contains alcohol, must always be clearly labeled as such; this also applies to any food where alcohol has not been volatized.
7. Whenever alcohol is served in any form, non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered. Non-alcoholic beverages must be served with the same attractiveness and accessibility as those containing alcohol, so that people who choose not to drink alcoholic beverages need not feel any embarrassment, discomfort or inconvenience in exercising this preference.
8. Although beverages and other foods containing alcohol may be offered together; with non-alcoholic alternatives, they must never be promoted in such a way as to imply that partaking of them is any kind of social requirement.
9. Beverages cannot be sold without a license; this is in violation (*is a requirement*) of the South Carolina State Law.
10. All other applicable Federal, State and Local Laws and Ordinances, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors must be observed.
11. Any occasion at which alcoholic beverages are to be offered should not be openly advertised as such; (for example, "Crab Feast" should be used instead of "Beer and Crab Supper", or "Bull Roast" should be used instead of "Beef and Beer").
12. Any exceptions to this Policy must be approved by the Vestry prior to the event.

Although these guidelines recognize the positive social value of the use of alcoholic beverages, they also recognize that drunkenness is always unacceptable Christian behavior; care must be taken to ensure that responsible people are in control of the serving of alcoholic beverages. The group or organization sponsoring the activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must also assume responsibility for those people who might become intoxicated; such responsibility includes providing alternative transportation for anyone whose driving might be impaired.

Print Name

Signature

Date