

## **Grace Church policy on the use of Alcohol on Church Premises**

1. Alcoholic beverage used on parish premises are to be offered only to the congregation, its guests and friends, parish organizations and never to the general public. The rector and wardens may consider adjustments in this, only in situations which fully warrant it, and also will assume responsibility, along with the persons involved, for the situation in question.
2. Pertaining to our situation, the term alcohol refers to beer and wine only.
3. Any beverage which contains alcohol must always be clearly labeled as such. This also applies to any food where the alcohol has not been cooked out.
4. Whenever alcohol is served, non-alcoholic beverages must be served with the same attractiveness and accessibility as those containing alcohol.
5. Alcoholic beverages are not to be sold at church functions as this is in the violation of New York State Law.
6. All other applicable Federal, State, and Local laws and ordinance, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors, must be observed.
7. Any occasion at which alcoholic beverages are to be offered should not be openly advertised as such.
8. Any church group or gathering of church members using alcoholic beverages must take care to insure the responsible use of such beverages and also assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated; such responsibility includes providing alternative transportation for anyone whose driving might be impaired.
9. Any use of alcoholic beverages at church functions is to be cleared with the rector and wardens of the parish. Outside groups and non-church functions do not qualify for the use of alcohol.
10. This policy must be reviewed by the vestry before July 1 of each year.