

# **CGS Alcohol Use Policy**

Under ALL circumstances:

- All applicable federal, state, and local laws are to be obeyed. Under no circumstances may minors consume, sell, or distribute alcoholic beverages.
- No admission fee may be required for events where any alcoholic beverages are served.
- Distributing alcoholic beverages to those who are intoxicated is prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages and food containing alcohol must be clearly labeled as such.
- Per our safe church policy, adults are: "prohibited from the use, possession, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or the misuse of legal drugs while participating in or assisting with programs or activities for children or youth"
- Responsible adults are to be in control of the serving of alcoholic beverages.
- Drunkenness is inappropriate and unacceptable at church events.
- Alcoholic beverages stored on church premises are in locked storage, so that they are not accessible to unsupervised minors.
- Alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed by adults who accompany minors off church property on a parish-related activity.
- Intoxicated individuals are never to drive themselves from the church; arrangements for alternative transportation are to be made.
- Whenever alcohol is served, non-alcoholic alternatives are always provided with equal attractiveness, accessibility, and quantity. Food is provided whenever alcohol is available.

## **Outside Alcohol Use Policy**

All outside requests for alcohol use must have vestry approval. No alcohol use is permitted at CGS without prior approval.

Outside alcohol use falls into two settings:

1. Situations where spirits or more than a single serving of beer or wine are intended we require:
  - A TIPS Certified server is required.
  - One million dollar private liquor liability insurance is required.
  - You are limited to 3 hours of serving.
  - Alcoholic beverages must be consumed only in the rental space.
  - The serving of alcoholic beverages should not be publicized as an attraction of the event.
  - All alcoholic beverages will be removed from the facility at the end of the event.

- A document detailing these conditions must be signed by the renter, priest or vestry person, dated, with a copy to be kept in the church office.
2. Situations with a single serving of beer or wine, such as a toast at a wedding, memorial service, reception, etc.
- A vestry member must be present with \$50 fee as part of the rental fee.
  - You are limited to one hour of serving.
  - Alcoholic beverages must be consumed only in the rental space.
  - All alcoholic beverages will be removed from the facility at the end of the event.
  - A document detailing these conditions must be signed by the renter, priest or vestry person, dated, with a copy to be kept in the church office.

### **CGS Policy on alcohol use at Eucharistic services**

The ONLY exception to serving alcohol to children is during the administration of the sacrament of the Eucharist. After each service, communion wine is stored and locked.

### **CGS Policy on alcohol use at all CGS events:**

- Alcoholic beverages served at CGS events are to be wine, beer, or sparkling wine (champagne) unless a TIPS Certified server is present and there is a one million dollar private Liquor Liability Insurance certification.
- All alcoholic beverages must be consumed within the function space.
- Alcoholic beverages may be served for no more than two hours unless there is a TIPS Certified server present.
- Alcoholic beverages shall not be served when the business of the church is conducted, such as during vestry or executive committee meetings, or during the annual meeting.

This alcohol use policy has been adapted from the policy of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, from collaboration with several other Episcopal churches, and in reference with the national church resolutions, 158 and A159.