ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Each church has a responsibility under Arizona law and has a moral responsibility of not encouraging excessive use of alcohol. The serving of alcoholic beverages at church functions must be limited and closely controlled as follows:

1. Any and all necessary and reasonable precautions hall be taken to supervise alcohol usage to insure that no individual is over served and that no individual under the legal drinking age is served.
2. Alcohol usage will be supervised by the group hosting the event in consultation with the priest-in-charge and Vestry or Bishop’s Committee.
3. No alcohol may be served at any youth or youth-sponsored event.
4. When alcohol is served, food and an equally attractive and accessible non-alcoholic beverage will be provided.
5. Whenever there is a charge for an event where alcohol is served, the fee for the event will include the cost of all beverages.
6. Groups hosting an event must receive the priest-in-charge approval to serve alcohol.
7. Any outside group or group advertising to the public that serves alcohol on church premises will be required to obtain and event rider from an insurance company. An outside group is defined as any group not directly sponsored by the church. Advertising to the public is defined as publicity through radio, newspaper, television or signage to induce the public to attend the event.
8. Care will be exercised by the congregation to ensure that all alcohol usage on the church premises is in accordance with appropriate state and local laws and ordinances.

Each Vestry or Bishop’s Committee is urged to develop and publicize church guidelines for use of alcohol on church property.