



**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT**

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Trinity Church seeks to create a welcoming and safe environment for all of God's people, including those in recovery. To that end, Trinity Church must purposefully regulate alcohol use at its functions.

Clergy of Trinity Church shall:

- Consecrate only an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse.
- Acknowledge the efficacy of receiving the sacrament in one kind and provide non-alcoholic wine or grape juice for those who request it.
- Not expect or require anyone to consume excess consecrated wine.
- Insure that wine, that will be used to celebrate the Eucharist, will be stored in a locked compartment.

The serving and/or consumption of non-sacramental alcohol at a church related event, whether held on church property or elsewhere, is not allowed.

Exceptions for members of the Parish may be made only when both the Rector and the Vestry approve, however alcoholic beverages are only permitted when all of the following conditions are met:

- The Rector and Vestry approve the serving of alcohol prior to the event and ensure that the responsible Parishioner oversees the serving of alcoholic beverages to assure full compliance with this policy, including the moderate consumption of alcohol. The responsible Parishioner overseeing the serving of alcohol must not drink alcoholic beverages during the time of the execution of their responsibilities. This includes assuming responsibility for persons who become visibly intoxicated and providing alternative transportation for anyone whose capacity to drive is visibly impaired.
- The only alcoholic beverages allowed are beer, wine, and champagne. No hard liquor is allowed.
- When alcoholic beverages are served at an event, then non-alcoholic beverages must also be available and must be offered in a way that is equally as attractive and as accessible as the alcoholic beverages.
- All laws regarding alcohol are complied with including those related to the use of alcoholic beverages and the prohibition on serving alcohol to minors (those under 21 years of age.) Serving alcoholic beverages at congregational events where minors are present is strongly discouraged as a matter of hospitality.
- At any event at which minors are present, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times.
- Alcohol may not be served at any youth event or youth sponsored event. (See ECCT Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth.)
- Moderation is observed in the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- Food must also be served when alcohol is present.

- If the event is church related, then no business or open discussion of issues may be conducted during or after the serving of alcohol. Business includes the work of the Vestry, all church committees and councils, and church schools.
- Any beverage or food that contains alcohol must be clearly labeled as such including cooked food and all food brought to potluck occasions.
- The offering of alcohol must not be advertised or promoted in any way, and shall not be the primary purpose of the event. Alcohol may never be used as an enticement for any function (e.g. wine tasting, wine & cheese, BYOB dinner, etc.)
- At any event at which allowable alcoholic beverages are served, the person(s) responsible for the event must purchase, and show proof of, a one day liquor liability policy from an independent insurance carrier with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00 and naming Trinity Church as an additional insured.
- At no time at any event will alcoholic beverages be sold.
- In the event of a reception following a funeral where it is desired to serve alcohol with a meal and when it may not be possible for sufficient notice to be given to the Vestry, then the Rector and the Wardens are authorized to give permission for the event, and should report that to the next Vestry meeting.