

GRACE CHURCH ALCOHOL USE POLICY
Adopted, January, 2007

In accordance with the custom of this parish, and the decision of the Vestry and Rector, it is permissible to serve beer and wine at any function taking place in the facilities of Grace Church. All usage must be in compliance with the laws of the State of New Jersey and subject to the following church policy.

1. The Rector, through the parish administration (office@gracehaddon.org), is to be notified in advance of the intent to serve alcoholic beverages.
2. The organization serving alcoholic beverages is to specify the beginning and ending time of availability of such beverages in advance. Such times are not to be extended without the permission of the senior church official present in the building at the time.
3. Attractive alternative non-alcoholic beverages are to be offered to participants at any function with equal dignity, hospitality and availability. Suitable alternative beverages might include: non-alcoholic sparkling wine; punch; soda drinks; fruit juice; coffee; and, tea.
4. The method of serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks should be equal as well as the type of drinking containers available.
5. A tasteful and appropriate identifying card should be placed at any bowl of punch containing alcohol.
6. Advertising and publicity for events at Grace Church are not to mention alcoholic beverages even if they are available. For example, for a dinner party to be held at the Church, it would be appropriate to say, "Beverages of your choice will be available before the meal." Please do not say, "Cocktail hour at 6:30 pm."
7. Alcoholic beverages may not be sold at any Church event.
8. The organization hosting the event must remove all remaining alcoholic beverages from the Church property at the conclusion of the gathering. No alcoholic beverages are to be left in the refrigerator, the kitchen or where people have easy access to them.
9. The organization will remove all used alcoholic containers from the interior of the building using trash cans and recycling cans provided.

The operating principle of these guidelines is to make sure all available beverages are treated with equal dignity. There should no implied statement or action that one type of beverage is correct or right or the acceptable standard while the other beverages are wrong. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.