

# Trinity Church on the Green Alcohol Guidelines

*Trinity Church seeks to welcome and minister to all God's people. In keeping with the Diocesan position of *The Use of Alcoholic Beverages in the confines of the church*, the following guidelines have been adopted by the Vestry of Trinity Church on the Green as follows:*

*Alcohol in moderation will be allowed if the following conditions are met:*

- Prior to any event, including but not limited to multigenerational events, the clergy and wardens are required to approve the serving of alcohol. As part of the approval those proposing the event will ensure that responsible adults will oversee the serving of alcoholic beverages and verify the moderate consumption of what is served. Recurring events may be approved on an annual basis.
- All laws regarding alcohol are complied with including those related to the sale of alcoholic beverages and the prohibition on serving alcohol to minors (those under 21 years of age.)
- The event is not exclusively a youth event or youth sponsored event.
- Moderation is observed in the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- No business or open discussion of issues is conducted during or after the serving of alcohol. Business includes the work of vestry, search committee, all church committees and Christian Education.
- Non-alcoholic beverages are offered in a way that is equally attractive and accessible as alcoholic beverages.
- Any beverage or food which contains alcohol must be clearly labeled as such.
- The offering of alcohol shall not be the primary purpose of the event.
- Prior to any event that is not “usual and customary,” the clergy and wardens determine whether liquor liability insurance coverage is needed. Church events that are not “usual and customary” include events at which alcohol is sold and/or the serving of alcohol on church property by a tenant (e.g. wedding reception, civic group dinner, etc.) Ask the diocesan insurance officer before the event if liquor liability insurance is needed. While alcohol may be brought in for certain events, no alcohol should be sold on the premises.