

Late Resolution II: Reaffirmation of Policy on the Use of Alcohol in the Diocese

Resolved that we reaffirm and change the 8.2.7 Policy on the Use of Alcohol, to reflect current state law, which reads as follows:

The January 1991 Diocesan Convention adopted the following points of policy concerning the use of alcoholic beverages at church sponsored events, on church property or at other locations.

1. Whenever alcohol is served in any form, non-alcoholic beverages must always be offered and served with the same attractiveness and accessibility as those containing alcohol. They should be clearly labeled as such. This also applies to any food where alcohol has not been volatilized. Common courtesy excludes pressing upon people any food or drink.
2. Although these guidelines recognize the long-standing tradition of the use of alcoholic beverages, they also recognize that excessive drinking is always unacceptable Christian behavior. Care always must be taken to insure that responsible persons are in control of serving alcoholic beverages. ~~Any parish or mission that serves alcoholic beverages to the public is urged to attend Server's School through OLCC or a Community College.~~
3. It is the duty of the clergy in charge of the congregation, or in his or her absence, the Wardens and Vestry, to assume responsibility for the dissemination and enforcement of these guidelines.
4. Any group or organization sponsoring an activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must assume full legal responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated, including the provision of transportation for anyone whose driving might be impaired.
5. ~~All occasions at which alcoholic beverages are to be offered publicly must be licensed.~~ All applicable federal, State and local laws and ordinances, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors, must be observed.

Action of Convention: SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED.