

Alcohol Use Policy of Grace Episcopal Church, Randolph New York Diocese of Western New York

In response to Resolution 2015-A158, adopted by the 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City, and Document 7, adopted by the 180th Convention of the Diocese of Western New York, the Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church in Randolph, New York, adopts the following policy in regard to alcohol use in our parish.

In establishing this policy we acknowledge the harmful affect of alcohol consumption on individual lives, families, and communities, and our intent to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all people. As part of this, we will be supportive of recovery programs in our parish and community, seeking renewal, justice, wholeness, and healing for all persons.

GENERAL USE POLICY

Except as enumerated below in *Sacramental Use Policy* ...

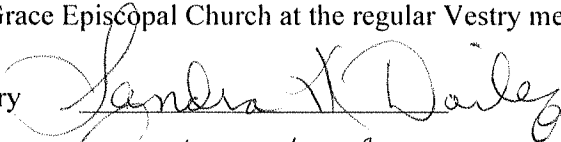
1. The consumption of alcohol in any form is prohibited on the campus of Grace Church. This includes anyone using the building or property for any reason. The Building Use Policy and Agreement shall reflect this policy.
2. This prohibition of alcohol consumption extends to the Rectory for church sponsored events. It does not govern private use within the confines of the rectory or on property generally accepted as rectory property.
3. Events at Grace Church shall endeavor to model that alcoholic beverages are not a necessary part of a social gathering.

SACRAMENTAL USE POLICY

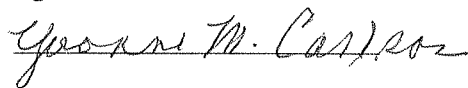
1. The only appropriate and sanctioned use of alcohol at Grace Church is sacramental wine consumed in the context of the Holy Eucharist and the same being communicated by licensed Eucharistic Visitors.
2. The sacramental wine being used will be selected by consultation between the Altar Guild and the Rector, with the Rector having final authority. We shall strive for low alcohol content in our wine. Only the Bishop may authorize the use of non-alcoholic wine.
3. Clergy shall be conscious of persons in recovery and shall have pastoral conversations with them to insure that their use of sacramental wine is appropriate for their recovery and spiritual life.
4. Clergy are encouraged to teach the efficacy of receiving the sacrament in one kind.
5. Clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse.
6. Clergy shall not expect or require anyone to consume excess consecrated wine.
7. Sacramental wine will be stored out of sight and monitored by appropriate persons.

Adopted by Grace Episcopal Church at the regular Vestry meeting on 14 December 2017.

Clerk of Vestry



Warden(s)



The priest and vestry of the church are responsible for disseminating this policy to the congregation.