

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Washington, DC

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC ALCOHOL USE POLICY\***

The following are policies regarding the use, service and sale of alcohol on the premises of First Congregational United Church of Christ (“FCUCC”):

1. At FCUCC-sponsored events there shall be no alcohol served or consumed without the prior consent of Council. For regularly scheduled recurring events, consent need not be obtained for each event.
2. Under no circumstances may alcohol be served to or consumed by persons under the minimum age established by D.C. law for the consumption of alcohol.
3. Requests for permission to use, serve or sell alcohol will be evaluated based on the following healthy practices:
  - a. Alcohol should be served by a responsible adult, rather than simply made available for self service;
  - b. Attendees should be reminded not to drink and drive. Alternative transportation, such as a designated driver, should be made conspicuously available.
  - c. Appealing non-alcoholic beverages and food should be conspicuously served;
  - d. Because the narthex is a quasi-public space visible from the street:
    - i. Any alcohol beverage service should be located in an inconspicuous place,
    - ii. Consideration should be given to screening the beverage service from the view from the street,
    - iii. Servers should avoid any conspicuous display of containers from which service is made; and
    - iv. Beverages should be served in glassware or plastic cups, no in original containers such as beer bottles.
4. With regard to use of FCUCC facilities by others, e.g. conferences, concerts, or weddings,:
  - a. There shall be no alcohol served unless prior arrangements have been made by the space user with FCUCC.
  - b. Any application for use of the FCUCC facility shall contain explicit representations regarding whether the user intends to serve alcohol, and if so what types of alcohol will be served and an estimate of the amount available for consumption per person attending.
  - c. Any user of FCUCC facilities anticipating the service of alcohol must comply with DC laws regarding the licensing of alcohol service, and provide evidence of such compliance as part of the application for use process.
    - i. See <http://abra.dc.gov/DC/ABRA/> .
    - ii. If a caterer is utilized, it must have the appropriate ABRA catering license.
    - iii. If a temporary ABRA license is required, FCUCC will cooperate with the user in applying for the license.
  - d. Any user of FCUCC facilities anticipating the service of alcohol, as part of the application for use process, must present evidence of appropriate liability insurance coverage.
5. Questions about FCUCC alcohol use policy should be referred to the Facilities Commission. For a Facilities Commission contact call: 202-628-4317

\* This policy was shared with FCUCC liability insurer, which expressed no objection to it. FC Council approved this Policy on January 21, 2012 for approval at the Annual Meeting January 29, 2012 Council recommends regular review of this policy.