

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Alcohol Use Policy

1. At FCUCC-sponsored events there shall be no alcohol served or consumed without the prior consent of the Church 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 will be served by a responsible adult, rather than simply made available for self-service.
 - b. White wine, beer, and champagne are the only alcoholic beverages permitted. Red wine and hard liquor are specifically prohibited.
 - c. Attendees shall be reminded not to drink and drive. Alternative transportation, such as a designated driver, should be made conspicuously available.
 - d. Appealing non-alcoholic beverages and food should be conspicuously served.
 - e. Because the Narthex is a quasi-public space visible from the street:
 - i. Any alcohol beverage service shall be located along the north wall,
 - 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, not 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.
 - 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> .
 - ii. If a caterer is utilized, it must have the appropriate ABRA catering license, or obtain a temporary 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 Building Manager at 202-628-4317 or badams@firstuccdc.org.