

## **WOODCLIFF UNITED CHURCH ALCOHOL USAGE POLICY**

This Policy represents the intention of Woodcliff United Church with regard to the usage of alcohol on its premises.

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND BELIEF**

Woodcliff United Church (WUC) is committed to the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of all members and adherents of its faith community. The Church recognizes the dangers that come from the abuse of alcohol. That its use enjoys broad social acceptance does not change its potential for causing harm. Alcohol usage must be treated with both personal and social responsibility. It is imperative, therefore, that prudence in the use and serving of alcoholic beverages in the Church be exercised at all times.

### **POLICY**

- The serving of alcohol is permitted at WUC sponsored events and Third Party events. All events at which alcohol will be served must have prior approval by the WUC Council.
- The serving of alcohol is limited to beer, wine and mixed preparations containing beer or wine as the only alcoholic ingredient.
- WUC is not a licensed facility. A liquor license must be obtained for each individual event and a copy must be posted in a prominent location where alcohol is served. All federal, provincial and local laws must be strictly followed.
- For any Third Party event at which alcohol will be served, a two million dollar (\$2,000,000) general liability policy must be secured. A copy of the insurance policy is to be provided to WUC at least 2 weeks in advance of the event.
- For any Third Party event at which alcohol will be served, a damage deposit must be paid. A certified cheque for the amount set in the fee schedule for the use of WUC Property and Building is required.
- Service and consumption of alcohol other than for sacramental purposes is limited to the Lower Level Hall. Wine for sacramental purposes may be used throughout the church.

- Only alcohol purchased from an authorized retail provider may be served.
- When mixed preparations such as punch are made available they must be identified as “alcohol included” or “alcohol free”.
- Whenever alcohol is served in any form, non-alcoholic alternatives must be available and visible.
- Food must be available at all events where alcohol is served.
- No overnight storage of alcohol at the church is permitted.
- Service of alcohol must end no later than 12:00 a.m.
- Alternative means of transportation to driving post the event should be clearly identified. Contact information for taxi providers and designated driver services in the City of Calgary must be available.
- WUC reserves the right to inspect Third Party events.
- Individuals who perceive their situation may involve an extension or exception to this Policy are welcome to discuss this with the Chair of the Property Committee and/or the Chair of Council.

**ADMINISTRATION**

This Policy is administered by the Property Committee and Council of WUC.

Approved by the Congregation at the 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures:

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Council Chair

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Council Secretary

**REFERENCES**

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Special Events Licenses

WUC Duty of Care Policy

WUC Policy for Creation, Revision, Approval, and Removal of Policies

WUC Property and Building Use Policy (in development)

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