

CHURCH AT CARBONDALE

POLICY ON USE OF ALCOHOL

The use of alcohol in our society has long been a source of controversy. Church at Carbondale has never taken a position that forbids the use of alcoholic beverages by its members. We all realize however, that alcoholic beverages can easily be abused, leading to potential suffering because of the effects of dangerous addiction and the serious damage that can be done under its influence.

In developing a policy on the serving of alcoholic beverages in the context of church-sponsored events, These values and these dangers must be carefully balanced.

We know that alcohol in and of itself, is not something evil. Christ told us this, and his first miracle was transforming water into wine. However, because of the great amount of damage caused by the abuse of alcohol in our present society, there is a pressing need to deal with it with special caution and for the Church to set an example of using it responsibly. In addition, while the social use of alcohol in moderation is acceptable, C@C has a responsibility to those who choose to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages.

In light of this, the following policies will govern the use of alcoholic beverages at Church at Carbondale functions or functions that occur at Church at Carbondale not specifically sponsored or endorsed by C@C:

1. The only alcoholic beverages allowed will be beer and/or wine.
2. Any beverage which contains alcohol must always be clearly labeled.
3. Alcoholic beverages must be served by an adult rather than self-serve.
4. Designated servers must be willing to refuse service when they determine a person appears to be intoxicated. Church at Carbondale staff and elders will support the designated server's decision if an issue arises from the server's decision to refuse alcohol to a person. The bar will be attended the entire time alcohol is being served.
5. Alcohol will not be sold by Church at Carbondale at functions held at Church at Carbondale. When C@C facilities are being used by persons at a function not sponsored by

C@C, weddings, anniversaries, special events etc: beer and/or wine may be served, but only without charge at these functions and only if food is served.

6. Drinking alcohol will never be a social requirement. Whenever alcohol is served in any form, non-alcoholic alternatives must also be offered. Non-alcoholic beverages must be served with the same attractiveness and accessibility as those containing alcohol, so that those who choose not to drink alcoholic beverages need not feel any embarrassment, discomfort, or inconvenience in exercising their preference.

7. All applicable Federal, State and Local laws and ordinances, governing the use/distribution of alcohol must be acknowledged and implemented when serving alcoholic beverages.

8. A designated "Alcohol Official" must be in charge of alcoholic beverages and present during the entire period that alcoholic beverages are being served.

9. Alcoholic beverages will not be served for a period of more than 2½ hours at any function at Church at Carbondale.

10. Under no circumstances can persons under age twenty-one (21) consume alcohol, even when accompanied by their parents.

11. Groups not affiliated with C@C shall have a uniformed security officer on site.

12. No open containers of alcohol are permitted outside the building.

13. When C@C facilities are used by persons at a function not sponsored by C@C, they will be required to sign the contract provided by C@C with the "hold harmless" agreement specified in the "Contract for Use of Facilities". In addition, they must provide C@C with a copy of their liability insurance policy for the event.