



2017 Diocesan Convention Resolutions

#2. Policy for the Use of Alcohol at Diocesan or Congregation-Sponsored Activities or Functions

Resolved, that the Diocese of North Dakota adopt the following Policy for the Use of Alcohol at Diocesan-sponsored Activities or Functions:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a structure for the reasonable and responsible use of alcohol at events of the Diocese of North Dakota. This policy is not intended to limit the authority of an individual congregation from adopting additional requirements; a congregation may adopt this policy and may add requirements or guidelines specific to its needs, or may adopt different requirements appropriate for its needs. This policy applies to events on and off Church premises, wherever Diocesan activities and functions are taking place.

I. Legal Requirements.

1. All applicable federal, state and local laws must be obeyed.
2. Under no circumstances may minors consume, sell, or distribute alcoholic beverages. The ONLY exception to serving alcohol to minors is during the administration of the sacrament of the Eucharist.

II. Diocesan Requirements.

1. If alcoholic beverages are served, a non-alcoholic alternative must be provided, with equal attractiveness, accessibility, and quantity.
2. The serving of alcoholic beverages may not be publicized as an attraction of the event.
3. The serving of alcoholic beverages is limited to beer and wine.
4. Alcoholic beverages may not be served when Diocesan business is being conducted.
5. Adults are prohibited from the use, possession, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or the misuse of legal drugs while participating in or assisting with programs or activities for children or youth.
6. Responsible adults are to be in control of the serving of alcoholic beverages; the serving of alcoholic beverages is to be monitored and controlled. Distributing alcoholic beverages to those who are intoxicated is prohibited.

7. Approval must be granted by either the Bishop or the Diocesan Council before alcohol may be served at a Diocesan-sponsored activity or function, and this policy applies to any activity or function at which the use of alcohol has been authorized.

And be it further **Resolved**, that by Diocesan Convention 2018, each congregation will adopt a written policy for the use of alcohol at its own functions and on its own premises and submit a copy to the diocesan office, which shall keep such policies on file. In making these policies, the congregation should consult the resolution from the 78th General Convention pertaining to alcohol use (https://www.episcopalarchives.org/cgi-bin/acts/acts_resolution-complete.pl?resolution=2015-A158).

