

Claggett Center Alcohol Policy, 7/28/20

Based on the commitment of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland to proactively address the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages at events, the following guidelines are given. With your help, we can provide a safe and welcoming environment for all people, including people in recovery.

- Adult groups wishing to bring beer and wine shall be approved prior to the event and will be restricted to consuming such beverages to certain areas, such as their main meeting space.
- For overnight groups, wine and beer are permitted on campus for those who are 21 and older in accordance with the [Diocese of Maryland Guidelines Relating to Alcoholic Beverage Use](#).
- Hard liquor is prohibited at the Claggett Center.
- It is the responsibility of each group requesting to serve alcohol at their event to assume responsibility for their dissemination and observance.

All applicable federal, state and local laws relating to alcohol and other substance use shall be obeyed. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Serving alcoholic beverages to minors (age 20 and under) is prohibited;
- Sale of alcoholic beverages without a state license is prohibited;
- A church or agency could be sued for the consequences of the distribution of alcoholic beverages to individuals. If an individual shows signs of impairment or intoxication, alternative transportation must be provided to prevent that individual from driving.

Eucharist / Holy Communion:

- Clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse for any member of the altar party.
- Clergy are encouraged to acknowledge and promote the equal validity of receiving the sacrament in “one kind” (bread only).

Social Events at Claggett Center:

- Guests should consider the impact of serving alcoholic beverages at events or gatherings, including permitting a limited use or quantity. If the absence of alcoholic beverages might reduce attendance or lessen the appeal of an event, the organizers should reconsider the appropriateness of the event.
- The groups or organizations sponsoring the activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must have permission from Claggett Center management.
- Food shall always be served when alcoholic beverages are served.

- Appealing non-alcoholic beverages must always be offered with at least equal prominence and accessibility, including healthy alternatives. Water should always be one of the available alternatives.
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages must be clearly labeled as such. Food prepared with alcohol should be labeled even if the alcohol itself is completely evaporated by the cooking process since the aroma of alcohol can still trigger someone's abuse.
- Wine and beer are acceptable alcoholic beverages to serve on Claggett property. Hard liquor is not permitted.
- Serving alcoholic beverages at any event where there are minors present is strongly discouraged. If minors are present, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times. Monitoring will be necessary even if your group doesn't contain minors, but minors are present as part of other Claggett guest groups.
- The serving of alcoholic beverages must be monitored, and those showing signs of intoxication must not be served. An adult must be assigned to oversee its serving. That adult must not drink alcoholic beverages during the time of his/her execution of duties.
- The serving of alcoholic beverages at events shall not be publicized as an attraction of the event, e.g., "wine and cheese reception," cocktail party," beer tasting."
- The presence of alcoholic beverages at functions shall not be promoted as a requirement, or advertised as an enticement, to participate in a function.