

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ

Policy on Beer and Wine Use

*In the interests of promoting the principles of Christian living and the appropriate use of beer and wine, Pilgrim Congregational U.C.C. has approved the following **policy** to govern the usage of beer and wine in connection with functions held in church facilities. It is anticipated that the use of beer and wine beverages in church facilities will only be incidental to, and not a focus of, the event where provided, and the consumption will be modest.*

The policy is provided to serve the following purposes:

- 1) promote Christian and social responsibility in the incidental use of beer and wine;*
- 2) to assure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations;*
- 3) to assure that Pilgrim Congregational U.C.C. is adequately protected under existing liability insurance policies.*

Pilgrim Congregational U.C.C. allows limited use of beer and wine at church- approved events on its premises. With its use comes the expectation that all participants will conduct themselves in ways that adhere to all laws concerning alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs as well as preserve the goals and image of the church, and assure the safety of other participants and the public.

Policy Regulations

1. All applicable state, local, and federal laws and regulations with respect to alcoholic beverages must be adhered to by the sponsoring event organizer (“event organizer”), and guests.
2. The serving of beer and wine may not be the focus of the event. Moreover, beer and wine may be served only at an event where food is also served. Attractive beverage alternatives to beer and wine must *ALWAYS* be provided. Beer and wine must be clearly labeled as such.
3. Alcohol served is limited to beer and wine brought onto the church premises by the event organizer. Hard liquor is not permitted. Alcohol cannot be sold, including fundraisers.
4. At least 2 servers, provided by the event organizer must be designated to staff a beer and wine table for the duration of the event.
5. Beer and wine must be served from a completely separate table than the non-alcoholic beverages.
6. Beer and wine shall not be served to or by minors. No one under 21 may handle any container that has alcohol in it, or has contained alcohol. This includes those who are serving and / or cleaning up.
7. The event organizer will inform their guests that open containers of alcohol (cups, beer cans, etc.) are not permitted outside the building, and are restricted to the reserved event room.
8. The event organizer must designate a person or persons responsible for ensuring that all policy regulations are adhered to during the event, including proper identification checks to ensure no one under 21 is consuming alcohol.
9. The event organizer, including vendors or caterers, agree to defend and indemnify Pilgrim against all claims and suits arising out of either the provision or consumption of alcohol, and must provide proof

of insurance and/or a certificate of insurance providing liability coverage, including liquor liability (if applicable) naming Pilgrim Congregational U.C.C. as an additional insured. This defense and indemnity agreement includes reimbursement for legal fees and expenses incurred by or on behalf of Pilgrim.

10. Space Usage groups larger than 50 participants must provide a bartender who is in charge of properly serving and securing alcohol beverages at all times. The bartender will also supervise the servers.
11. Space usage groups larger than 50 participants must hire a Security Guard to be on the premises during the event. If requested, a list of approved Security businesses can be provided by Pilgrim Congregational U.C.C.
12. It will be the duty of the event organizer to prevent any guest or patron to refrain from driving a motor vehicle if that person appears to be under the influence of alcohol.
13. Beer and wine must not be stored on site before or after the event.
14. This policy and a Space Usage and Indemnification Agreement must be signed for each event.

I have read the above policy and understand the principles as stated by Pilgrim Congregational U.C.C., have the authority of the Event Organizer and agree that it will follow the guidelines as stated, including execution of a Space Usage and Indemnification Agreement.

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Sponsoring Event Organizer Signature

Date

(Print Name)

Event Name or Description (Please Print) & Event Date