



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POLICY

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The purpose of this Alcoholic Beverage Policy is to:

- A. Comply with the laws set forth by the State of Maryland, Charles County and the town of La Plata.
- B. Be responsible in the distribution of alcoholic beverages on the campus and on the premises of Grace Lutheran Church for the safety of those we serve and those in our community.
- C. Decrease the liability that Grace Lutheran Church could incur, both under criminal law and civil law, if an incident were to occur as a result of improper alcohol service.

### **I. Purchasing and receiving of alcohol**

- a. All alcohol to be served on the premises of Grace Lutheran Church must be purchased by a representative of the rental client. The facility will charge the rental client a cork fee to allow consumption of alcoholic beverages during a function. This includes: Wedding Receptions, Anniversary Parties, and Not-for-profit events, etc.
- b. Alcoholic beverage purchased for fundraising events is covered under Section III, a. In addition, for all functions, only beer, wine, and champagne are allowed to be consumed at any event.

### **II. Distribution of alcoholic beverages**

- a. All alcohol to be served on the premises of Grace Lutheran Church must be done by trained employees or volunteers of Grace Lutheran Church, or trained employees of a Maryland State Liquor License Establishment in compliance with state, county, and municipal liquor laws under the supervision of the Director of Food and Beverage Services or qualified designee. Person(s) other than those stated above are not allowed to distribute alcoholic beverages on the premises.
- b. It is the responsibility of Grace Lutheran Church, by Maryland Liquor Code, to cease liquor service at all events if it is observed by staff of Grace Lutheran Church, that alcohol is being made available to minors.

### **III. Alcoholic beverages for fundraising events**

- a. A one day permit must be obtained for all fundraising events in accordance with the Alcohol and Tobacco Control Codes of the State of Maryland. Rules and regulations for purchase will be covered in these guidelines.

IV. **Code of conduct** – Pursuant to the State of Maryland Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control Code of State Regulations, Grace Lutheran Church must comply with all laws as stated in the Code of State Regulations. Furthermore, if requested, Grace Lutheran Church will provide a copy of the Code of State Regulations upon request.

V. **Revisions and additions** – Grace Lutheran Church reserves the right to revise and/or add to this alcoholic beverage policy as it deems necessary in order to adhere to points A, B, and C, as listed on the first page of the Alcoholic Beverage Policy.

This policy will apply to all members, non-members, staff, visitors, patrons, organizations, businesses, and any who utilize Grace Lutheran Church. This policy will apply to all events regardless of revenue generated, purpose of event, or contact for event.

Contact persons for an event will be required to sign a copy of this policy to acknowledge that they have seen a copy of this policy and intend to comply with the points stated within the policy. Furthermore, contact persons for an event will be asked to sign an agreement waiving any and all liability that could be incurred by Grace Lutheran Church in the event an accident or incident occurs due to negligence in distribution of alcohol while on the premises of Grace Lutheran Church.