St. Mark's Episcopal Church / Canton, Ohio Alcohol Use Policy

- The Church must provide a safe and welcoming environment for all people, including people in recovery.
- All applicable federal, state and local laws shall be obeyed, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors.
- St. Mark's may decide not to serve alcohol at events or gatherings. The church may also decide to permit a limited use of alcoholic beverages at church-sponsored events.
- 4. When alcohol is served, it must be monitored and those showing signs of intoxication must not be served. Whenever alcohol is served, the clergy, or, where there is no clergy on site, the senior warden, must appoint 2 adults to oversee its serving. Those adults must not drink alcoholic beverages during the time of the performance of their duties.
- 5. If minors are present at a diocesan or congregational social event, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times to prevent underage drinking.
- 6. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages must be clearly labeled as such. Food prepared with alcohol should be so indicated.
- When alcohol is served, non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal prominence and accessibility.
- 8. Food must be served when alcohol is present.
- 9. St. Mark's has in place a building use policy which governs the use of the church grounds and facilities by the use of persons or organizations from outside the parish. Should the clergy and vestry approve the use of the building by outside persons or organizations, both the building use policy and the alcohol policy shall apply.
- 10. Recognizing the effects of alcohol as a mood-altering drug, alcoholic beverages shall not be served while the business of the Church is being conducted.

- 11. 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.
- Clergy are encouraged to acknowledge the efficacy of receiving the sacrament in one kind (namely the bread only).
- 13. The Vestry of St. Mark's shall approve all events at which alcohol is to be served.
- 14. Alcohol consumed on church premises (including wine used for Communion) shall be stored in a locked cabinet or container.