

# **MPUUC Alcohol-Use Policy**

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This policy applies to official Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation (MPUUC) events only— that is, those events hosted by MPUUC at the church location\* or other public venue. This does not pertain to events held in individual members' homes or when small groups of members meet to socialize privately.

## **Guiding Principles:**

1. Minimize MPUUC's liability and the possibility of an alcohol-related tragedy
2. Ensure that no alcohol is served to underage people
3. Make events comfortable for drinkers and non-drinkers
4. Ensure that alcohol is not abused at official MPUUC events

## **Liability**

- The host for any church event where alcohol will be served must ensure that proper liquor liability insurance coverage is in place. Liquor liability insurance may be purchased as an add-on to our existing insurance policy or can be provided by the establishment where the event is being held.
- The event host must have the permission of the Board President or the Minister in order to serve alcohol at an official MPUUC event.
- If alcohol is to be sold or distributed by donation then a temporary one day liquor license must be obtained. This can be done by calling the Alameda County Office of Alcohol & Beverage Control at 510.622.4970 at least one month before the event is to be held.

## **What can be served**

- Non-alcoholic beverages must also be served and attractively and prominently displayed.
- Food must be served along with alcohol.

## **How can it be served**

- The area in which alcohol is being served must be staffed at all times. Alcohol may only be served by an adult manning the table. No self-serve.
- The event host must ensure that no alcohol is served to anyone under the age of 21.
- Someone should be designated to monitor consumption and behavior at the event. If someone becomes intoxicated, they will be asked to leave, but will not be allowed to drive – a taxi will be called. Intoxication can include the following symptoms: slurred speech, clumsy movement, or aggressive behavior.
- No alcohol is to be left behind after the event.

\*Just a reminder that no alcohol of any kind is allowed at Cole Hall or anywhere on the FUMC Campus.