

Executive Limitation Policy Statements

#317 – Service of Alcohol

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Rationale:

The presence of alcoholic beverages on Lynn Valley United Church premises raises competing values. A policy that is based on consideration of differing perspectives is required to assist staff in their handling of this sensitive issue. These values include:

- LVUC values inclusivity: the church should be a welcoming environment for all, even those who may be uncomfortable in the presence of alcohol at church.
- A sense of community is promoted by social events; these often include the service of alcohol.
- Wine in particular has a spiritual significance in Christianity.
- Alcohol can impair one's judgment and physical capacities. This may expose the church to liability.

Policy:

1. LVUC may use wine for sacramental purposes at the discretion of the Lead Minister.
2. LVUC will not use alcohol beverage sales as a primary revenue source at an event.
3. LVUC will comply with all requirements of the Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) regarding permits and server certifications
4. There will be no use of church resources for the purchase of alcoholic beverages except with specific approval of the Lead Minister.
5. Alcohol will not be served to minors on church premises.
6. Alcohol on the church premises will be kept securely.