

Resources for Recovery

Local meetings can be found via websites

Alcoholics Anonymous
General Services Office
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115
(212) 870-3400

www.nnjaa.org (north NJ)
www.snjaa.org (south NJ)

Al-Anon/Alateen
1600 Corp. Landing Pkwy.
Virginia Beach, VA 23454
(888) 425-2666

www.nj-al-anon.org

Narcotics Anonymous
(800) 773-9999
www.na.org

National Center on
Addiction/Substance Abuse
633 3rd Avenue, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10017
(212) 841-5200

*or your local
telephone directory*



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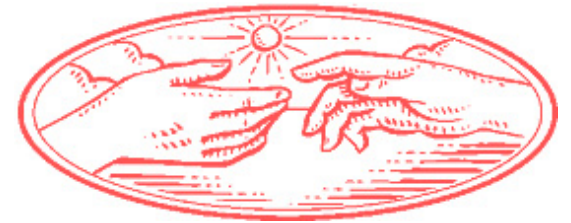
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Recovery Ministries of the Diocese of New Jersey



O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 831

Our sole purpose is the wholeness of all who are affected by the disease of drug and alcohol dependency. We seek to be proactive in the diocese and responsive to the medical and pastoral needs of parishes and persons through education, intervention, suggestion and referral.

As explained in the statement adopted at our 68th General Convention, “The Episcopal Church has never endorsed prohibiting the use of beverages containing alcohol among adult members...If an adult member elects to use alcohol, however, moderate usage is expected...The Church also supports and has a responsibility to those people who abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages for whatever reason.”

In this spirit we are pleased to offer a copy of our Diocesan Policy on Alcohol Use at Church Functions. In addition, we provide a list of resources for your referral.



Diocese of New Jersey Policy on Alcohol Use at Church Functions

Alcohol should not be served prior to worship or business meetings.

All beverages and food containing alcohol must be clearly and distinctly labeled.

This guideline is most often forgotten where food is concerned. It must be remembered that the flavor of liquor (in food where the alcohol has been cooked out) is something which many persons in recovery wish to avoid.

Food must be available at all functions where alcohol is served.

Equally attractive, non-alcoholic alternatives must be offered as conspicuously as alcoholic beverages.

Persons who wish to abstain from alcohol must be able to do so comfortably. It is critical that alternatives to alcoholic beverages be of equal quality as those containing alcohol. It is inappropriate to serve a good bottle of wine in a crystal glass when the only alternative is a can of pop in the back of the refrigerator (or a pot of coffee on the stove) with nothing to drink from but a paper cup.

The promotion of church functions must not use alcohol as an enticement to participation.

No announcements, advertisements or promotional material should imply that drinking alcohol is a social requirement.

Alcoholic beverages should not be a part of the identification of church events—e.g. “Bratwurst Festival” not “Beer and Bratwurst,” “Reception with Hors d’oeuvres,” or “Reception with Light Refreshments,” not “Wine and Cheese Reception”.

Alcohol should not be served in such a way as to teach children that growing up necessarily implies alcohol consumption.

All federal, state and local laws and ordinances must be observed.

This includes regulations requiring licenses for the sale of alcohol, prohibiting the distribution of alcohol to minors, and serving alcohol to intoxicated persons. Serving alcoholic beverages entails incurring moral as well as potential legal and financial liability for those who become intoxicated. It is expected that responsibility will be taken for the safety of persons who become intoxicated at church functions (up to and including transportation for those whose driving might be impaired).