

Application for Alcohol Use Permit at MBCC

Name: _____
(Host or Organization)

Address: _____

Contact number: _____

Date requested to use facility: _____ Hours: _____

Community Hall _____

Assembly Hall _____

Patio area _____

Brief Description of Event: _____

I have been provided with a copy of the Manhattan Beach Community Church Policy Regarding Alcoholic Beverages which I have read and fully understand. I agree to comply with all terms listed therein.

(Host or Representative of Organization) Date: _____

Approval given by:

Senior Minister

Business Manager

Moderator

Application Approved by the Operations Board on: _____

**MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH
POLICY REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Revised March 18, 2014

The Executive Board of Manhattan Beach Community Church (MBCC) hereby adopts an exception to the long-standing tradition of alcohol-free events at MBCC facilities. This exception is made to permit festive, but responsible fellowship at special events of celebration, and is strictly limited as follows:

1. Alcoholic beverages may be responsibly consumed on designated portions of church premises at "Special Events of Celebration." These are defined as wedding receptions, birthdays, anniversaries, retirement parties, and celebrations of life upon passing or other significant milestones in life.
2. Prior to a scheduled "Special Event of Celebration," a member of MBCC may apply through the MBCC office to the Operations Board for an alcohol use permit. The alcohol permit must be approved in advance by the Senior Minister, Business Manager, and Moderator (or Associate/Assistant Moderator as appropriate). If granted, the alcohol use permit shall be limited to the specific event, and the Business Manager will designate where on the church premises alcohol may be consumed. In addition, the Business Manager will require full compliance with each aspect of the alcohol use policy set forth herein.
3. The Business Manager shall designate in the permit at least one member of MBCC who will attend the Special Event of Celebration and take responsibility for the service of beer, champagne and wine consistent with the terms set forth herein (Designated Member(s)).
4. The Operations Board at its discretion may require the following: Hiring of security personnel to be present during the event to ensure compliance with the MBCC Alcohol Policy and /or pre-arranged commitment to provide janitorial services on Sunday morning prior to 10am church services.
5. Only beer, champagne and wine may be served at Special Events of Celebration, and only to invited guests 21 years of age or older.
6. No guest may be assessed a "cover charge" or any other amount for the consumption of beer, champagne or wine, nor may guests bring their own beer, champagne or wine (or any other alcoholic beverage) to the event.
7. Where attendance is expected to exceed 20 persons, the host of the Special Event of Celebration and the Designated Member(s) shall assure that there is at least one dedicated bartender for the Special Event of Celebration. At such events, all beer, champagne and wine shall be served exclusively by the dedicated bartender(s).

8. Food must be served at any Special Event of Celebration that includes the consumption of beer, champagne and wine. In addition, attractive alternatives to beer, champagne and wine must be offered at the same point of service. In addition to coffee, tea, sparkling water, lemonade and an assortment of traditional and low-calorie soft drinks, examples of attractive alternatives include blended fruit drinks such as punch or smoothies.
9. If a caterer or other vendor is retained to serve beer, champagne and wine at a Special Event of Celebration, the Business Manager should require the vendor to establish it is licensed and provide MBCC with a certificate including MBCC as an additional named insured on the vendor's liability insurance.
10. The host of the Special Event of Celebration, Designated Member(s), and any retained vendor shall follow all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors.
11. Although the Executive Board recognizes in this Policy that festive fellowship may include the responsible consumption of beer, champagne and wine, we also confirm that drunkenness is unacceptable Christian behavior. An alcohol use permit extended under this policy includes the requirement that the host of the Special Event of Celebration and the Designated Member(s) take care to ensure that invited guests who over-indulge are compassionately denied further intoxicating beverages.
12. The Executive Board also requests that the host of the Special Event of Celebration and Designated Member(s) assume a reasonable level of moral responsibility for those who might, despite best efforts, become intoxicated. This should include the provision of transportation for anyone whose driving might be impaired; provided, however, nothing herein stated is meant to include any additional legal responsibility on the host of the Special Event of Celebration, the Designated Member(s), or MBCC.
13. No beer, champagne or wine shall be stored on MBCC premises prior to the Special Event of Celebration, and care shall be taken by the host of the Special Event of Celebration and the Designated Member(s) to assure all spent containers, boxes, unused beer or wine, and associated service items are removed from MBCC premises immediately upon conclusion of the Special Event of Celebration.
14. All expenses related to the event are to be paid by the applicant.