Use of Alcohol in Religious Observance

The George Washington University’s Office for the Student Experience (“OSE”) recognizes and supports the important role of faith and religious practice among its community members.

In particular, the OSE understands that some religious practices or rituals include wine or other alcoholic beverages. The OSE provides the following guidelines to ensure a balance between support for various religious practices on-campus and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our students.

- The spiritual leader that chooses to make alcohol available in a religious observance, ceremony, or rite is responsible for the health and well-being of students who participate in the observance.
- Only the minimum amount of wine reasonable for the observance or ceremony should be made available. If an amount in excess of this is available, the event should be treated as a traditional event with alcohol and follow the outlined procedures for an Event with Alcohol.
- At no time shall any person under twenty-one (21) years old consume alcohol for any religious observance. All members of the University community are obliged to act in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct.

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