

**The Redeemed Christian Church of God
Bethel Assembly, Oshawa
Welfare Department**

Food Safety Policy

Purpose of Policy:

The Welfare department of the RCCG Bethel Assembly is concerned about the health and wellness of our members. The purpose of Food Safety Policy is to guarantee that arrangement and all food and refreshment items served within the church premises fits for human consumption and ensure that the caterers and the members of the welfare department prioritize human well-being.

Church members can request permission to bring food and beverages into the church for celebrations and meetings such as (naming/baby dedication, wedding, and various anniversaries). This policy is a guideline to ensure that providing healthy foods and drinks is part of the church's regular procedures and culture; and aligns with the Food Safety Policy.

Detailed Policy Statement:

1. Members willing to bring food and refreshment to church must notify the church welfare committee, obtain food safety policy form to be filled and submitted at least 7 days prior to event.
2. Members of the church welfare who are involved with food handling must be certified and follow proper procedure always.
3. All food items must be prepared and packaged with proper labelling by a certified food handler and handed over to the welfare team at least an hour prior to event commencement.
4. Food items can also be purchase at registered/ licensed store(s) and pre-packaged with proper labeling and handed over to the welfare/hospitality department for distribution
5. All food items and beverages must be nut-free and delivered with the appropriate label
6. No alcohol permitted in the church and its premises.
7. Parents who wish to celebrate their children's birthday must contact the children department at least seven (7) days in advance:
 - a. The Children Department must be informed of all celebrations for children including birthdays, if food/beverage will be provided, per the notice period.
 - b. The welfare department must be informed of all other celebrations and meetings, if food/beverage will be provided, per the notice period.
8. Self-catered food items may not be served inside the church auditorium without permission from the Welfare Department.
9. All individuals given permission to bring cakes/snacks are responsible for bringing in all serving utensils.
10. Self-catered food items and other merchandise items may not be sold inside the church auditorium.
11. Anyone found to be violating this policy or any term outlined by the Welfare Department may have their privileges suspended.
12. Exceptions to this policy must be granted by the Head of the Welfare Department or the Policy Authority.

"Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40)