

**Report of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
COALITION for MISSION in APPALACHIA
(ELCMA)
Indiana-Kentucky Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED WITH ELCMA?

Look at what YOUR participation and financial partnership with ELCMA has allowed ELCMA to do in 2007:

- ELCMA held the 2007 Annual Appalachian Assembly in Johnstown, PA to support ministry leaders and to learn about ministry in central Pennsylvania
- ELCMA helped two groups of people form 501C3 non-profits, allowing local people to make changes that THEY want in their own communities - In His Hand, Inc. and Konnarock Retreat House
- ELCMA facilitated the initial meetings for the formation of the Jefferson Area Lutheran Social Ministry
- ELCMA helped one new non-profit reach an entire underserved county with new human services including food distribution and a new community park – Hopewell Community Center, Salters, SC
- ELCMA partners with new ministry starts and mission developments to reallocate resources, share prayer invitations and support leadership including
 - Faith Lutheran Chapel, Pickens SC
 - Living Waters Lutheran Church, Cherokee, NC
 - New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Erie, PA
- ELCMA taught over twenty representatives from church and community groups the basics of grant writing
- ELCMA served at the domestic hunger grant table as hunger funds are distributed to deserving programs throughout the US
- ELCMA held an inaugural Advocacy Summit bringing together church and community grass root groups to discuss the issues impacting the Appalachian Region. From that meeting ELCMA launched a Sustainable Living Campaign for 2008

HOW CAN I BECOME INVOLVED IN ELCMA?

- ***Your prayers*** are the most precious gifts of all. ELCMA counts on prayers to keep the ministry focused on its source, Jesus Christ. At our website, www.elcma.org, you will find Prayer Invitations that you can include in your morning devotions

- Attend our annual gathering. Information is posted at our website each January
- Go to our website and join our free list serve to learn about the different issues and opportunities within the region
- Become educated on the root causes of injustices found in our world today and especially in Appalachia. Do what YOU can to change the situation where you are
- Invite an ELCMA representative to your Sunday School or other committee/group to share about the ministry
- Champion ELCMA causes in your church and synod
- Contact the ELCMA office about servant opportunities within the Appalachian Region
- Make internet searches through Good Search and purchases through Good Shop and name ELCMA as your charity
- You can become an Appalseed. That is someone who contributes \$60 each year to the ministry of ELCMA. You know the trick, skip one big MAC meal a month and you would have the \$5 to send to ELCMA and you'll have a smaller waist line too!
- Offer to be contacted about your availability to help in the office as special projects come up
- Your ideas . . .

For more information or questions, please contact ELCMA, PO Box 338, Indiana, PA 15701 or 724/463-8422 or www.elcma.org.
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