

**2008 Annual Report of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia (ELCMA)  
to the Indiana/Kentucky Synod**

ELCMA “*Connects and Equips God’s People for Christ’s Mission in Appalachia*” in various ways:

- Grant writing seminars offered to congregational and community leaders equip participants to develop funds continuing the ministries needed in their neighborhoods
- An advocacy agenda came from the people – A Sustainable Living Campaign connects and equips individuals and congregations to make choices that protect the environment
- Writing confirmation curriculum with a volunteer task group connects small congregations to affordable material equipping their youth with the fundamentals of Lutheranism
- The *Handbook for Small Congregations* connects congregations to ideas that are tried and true, designed for the rural and small places, equipping leaders for ministry
- The Glenn Heasley Award in Appalachian Ministry equips Appalachian leaders with a sabbatical grant allowing them to re-connect with their families in whatever way they choose
- The Don Roth Award spotlights congregations who are reaching out to their communities in meaningful and sensitive ways encouraging others to connect with these models of ministry
- The annual Appalachian Assembly connects rural and small ministry leaders to each other and equips them to continue their work refreshed and renewed

We invite you to join us in our ministry by:

- PRAYING for the ministries of ELCMA using Prayer Invitations found at our website
- Attending our annual Appalachian Assembly announced at our website each January
- Joining ELCMANEWS and connecting with our network of rural and small town leaders by registering at our website on the home page
- Learning about the issues at the coordinator’s corner and the advocacy agenda of the website
- Championing the causes you believe in and contact us at the website for additional helps
- Sponsor ELCMA trainings at your congregations by linking to us through the website
- Joining a servant opportunity within the Appalachian Region at the volunteer link of the website
- Using GoodSearch and GoodShop – just hop on through the link on our home page
- Becoming an Appalseed supporter by clicking on the “ways to give” button of the website
- Volunteering in the ELCMA office as special projects arise or offering to represent ELCMA within your synod at a special event by contacting us at the website
- Don’t have access to the web? Call us at the ELCMA office and we will connect you and equip you to participate with us

Learn more about ELCMA through your synod representatives to our ministry. They include: Rev. Paul Row, Mr. Ed Redmon and Mrs. Marceile Redmon. Thank you for your continued partnership in this ministry.

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