

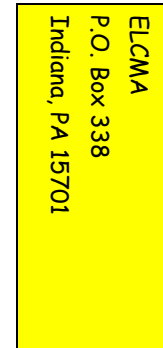
What is an Appalseed?

Any individual, family or group that supports the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia (ELCMA) with *prayers* and a gift of *five dollars or more each month*

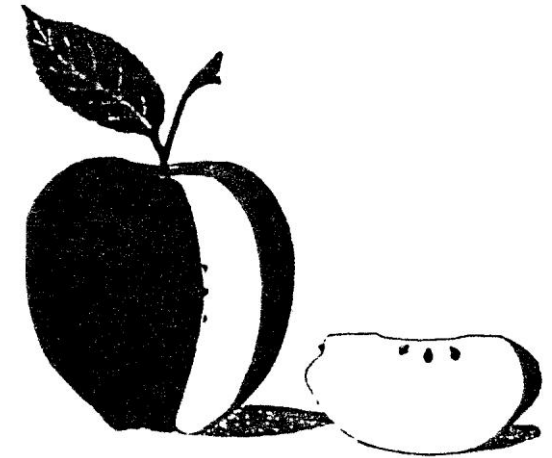
Why be an Appalseed?

- *Receive an invitation to join *Elcmanews*, a free listserv providing up-to-date regional news, events and resources
- * Receive updates on current issues and concerns throughout the region with our *electronic newsletter, APPAL-BITES*
- *Recognition of your gift in the yearend *APPAL-BITES* issue
- * Participate in a regional ministry that "*connects and enables God's people for Christ's mission in Appalachia*"

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ARE YOU AN



APPALSEED?

APPALachians

Support

Enabling

ELCMA's

Development

Dear Friends,

The mission of ELCMA is to *"Connect People and Resources for Christ's Ministries in Appalachia."* We are often asked, "How can I be a part of this exciting ministry?" There are three primary ways: The first is to pray for ministry in Appalachia; the second is to volunteer your time and your talents; and a third way is to support ELCMA financially.

The Appalseed Program

John Chapman (1774-1845), more familiarly known as Johnny Appleseed, sold or gave apples seeds and seedlings to families migrating westward. He traveled to present-day Ohio from western Pennsylvania sowing apple seeds as he went. For over 40 years Johnny Appleseed wandered the area planting and caring for the seeds he planted. His initial work helped hundreds of settlers establish orchards of their own which continue to bear fruit today.

ELCMA is inviting you to plant an APPALSEED of a different variety with many others that will bear fruit in the ministries of the Appalachian Region in much the same way that Johnny's apple seeds did with settlers and their apple trees. Join together with others committed to the growth of this region and become an APPALSEED today.

YES, I want to be an Appalseed!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail address _____

Affiliation (congregation/location) _____

My financial support for ELCMA ministries:

_____ \$360 John Chapman Contributor

_____ \$240 Appal Orchard Contributor

_____ \$120 Appal Tree Contributor

_____ \$90 Family Seedling

_____ \$60 Individual Appalseed

_____ \$24 Senior/Student APPALSEED

_____ \$ _____ other

_____ I would like my contribution to be anonymous

_____ Contact me about making a planned gift

_____ I will keep ELCMA in my prayers

_____ I would also like to know about volunteer opportunities with ELCMA; please contact me

My contribution will be remitted _____ monthly,

_____ quarterly, _____ annually

Send to: ELCMA

PO Box 338, Indiana, PA 15701

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financesec@elcma.org; www.elcma.org

As an Appalseed you will:

*assist small congregations in rural, small town and urban settings in spreading the gospel

*help seminary students prepare for their call in Appalachia

*connect church and community groups with resources that enhance outreach in their neighborhood

*utilize regional leaders to encourage growth and innovation

*finance projects that would otherwise go unfunded

*enable folks in one part of the region to model effective methods for others doing similar ministries

*stretch resources and promote ideas to meet the ever-growing needs in rural, small town and urban ministry

*join with brothers and sisters in and beyond Appalachia following the Holy Spirit to new ways of caring for one another

* be a part of *"connecting and enabling God's people for Christ's mission in Appalachia"*

