

Resources Available From the Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia (ELCMA)

Annual Appalachian Assembly - Leaders from the 16 Appalachian ELCA Synods gather at varying locations in the region to direct the work of ELCMA, share successes and concerns, to lend insights and support to each other and to learn how ministry is done in that part of Appalachia. Contact the ELCMA office for dates and additional information. Costs vary from year to year.

Appal-Bites – Periodic in-house update on ELCMA activities and news. Contact ELCMA office. No charge.

Elcmanews List serve - News of a more immediate nature comes to folks from our List serve called Elcmanews. Subscribers are able to read news or submit their own news. It will be sent to all subscribers. Sign up at www.elcma.org on the home page. No charge

ELCMA display - contact the ELCMA office. Cost - shipping only

Appalachian Heritage Sunday Packets - A packet, available from our office, offers suggestions and models for an Appalachian Heritage Sunday celebration. We can also identify guest speakers for your event, should you desire one. Cost - printing and shipping only

Handbook for Small Churches - A book of ideas on everything from administration to stewardship in small congregations. Written by experts in the congregations, this resource is the tried and proven Astuff@. A must for every small congregation! FREE DOWNLOADS OF THIS AT www.elcma.org

Sunday School Curriculum – this material is designed for Sunday schools with small numbers and limited teachers and other limited resources, and for intergenerational groups. Various units have numerous building blocks in it. The leader chooses blocks based on her/his time and talents and resources for teaching the lesson. The lessons can be completed in about 40 minutes or go as long as 90 minutes, or perhaps, be used for several Sundays in succession. Additionally there will be a Teachers' Handbook available at the website. It covers such things as setting up a holy space to the physical capacities of the various age groups. Both are FREE to download because of the generous gifts of individuals and the contribution of the work of the writers. Go to www.elcma.org

Guest Speakers for your special events are available by contacting the ELCMA office. These folks usually receive an honorarium to cover their mileage costs.

Bulletin inserts and impact reports describing the ministries of ELCMA are copy ready and available from the ELCMA office. No charge.

Prayer Invitation brochures are available for use by individuals and congregations. No charge.

Grant Writing Seminar - basic grant writing instruction offered in areas where there is enough interest and someone willing to be trained to reproduce this workshop in your area. Resources are available anytime. Cost varies.

Advocacy Training Seminar - Is there an issue that really concerns me? But, why should I get involved? What good does my letter do anyway? Is writing letters all there is to advocacy? A workshop that explores the options open to us when change needs to occur. Offered where there is interest by contacting the ELCMA office. Resources are available anytime. Cost varies.

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