

# Kailager

A property of the NELCSA

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Dear Church Council,  
Dear Circuit Councils,  
Dear Congregations,  
Dear Members of the NELCSA

## Fundraising for the Kailager Camp Site

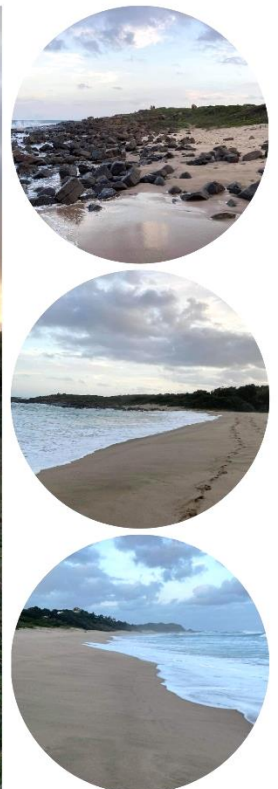
Our church is blessed with a wonderful property, the Kailager Camp Site near Port Edward. It is a beautiful, well-kept resource right on the beach at Leisure Bay. For well over 50 years it has been used by our church to hold various youth camps. All of our circuits have benefitted from the Kailager over the decades and still use it today. Youth groups of various ages regularly hold camps there in the school and university holidays. Many have met and got to know God there in a very special way and have formed relationships with other people in our church that have enriched their lives and stood the test of time.

As you all know 2020 has been a challenging year! As a church we have also felt the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in many different ways. This includes the significant financial impact it has had. **The Kailager Camp Site has been heavily affected!**

- The site will have had almost no income at all this year due to the fact that almost all camps have had to be cancelled because of the pandemic.
- However, the financial overheads of between R80 000 and R90 000 per year have still had to be paid. This excludes essential maintenance that needs to be done.
- Due to the combination of the above two facts, our Kailager reserves were depleted by May. **Thanks to the kind donation of funds by the regional youth funds and circuit funds**, we do now have enough money in our account to cover all our overheads for the remainder of the year and for the first few months of the new year until the first camps in 2021 take place and bring much-needed income.

However, the finances available to us are not sufficient for us to do any maintenance. And there are some urgent essential maintenance projects that we need to undertake.

The Kailager property is approximately 4 hectares in size. Of this we actively use less than half, an area that includes an amphitheatre with camp fireplace, hall, kitchen, ablutions, terraces for tents and a field for activities. To ensure good security, this portion of the property is surrounded by a palisade fence (in visible areas) and a razor wire fence (in the forest areas). The palisade fence has been regular maintained (stripped and repainted) and has lasted surprisingly well in the sea air. However, **it is now in need of replacement!**





All anchor posts have one side that is completely rusted away and several have two sides that are rusted away. Due to this a portion of the palisade fence has fallen down and is currently being propped up using branches. Some of the vertical palisades have rusted off, resulting in a few gaps that people can walk climb through easily. At a recent site visit, it was clear that the entire palisade fence (except 9 sections which were replace 2-3 years ago) needs to be replaced. The razor wire fence is largely in good repair, having been replaced more recently. However, there are patches that also need to be replaced. There are also a few other smaller maintenance tasks required, including some minor plumbing repairs, the replacement of a roof sheet that is cracked

and other small but important repairs.

Portions of the work require an expert and the rest can be done by volunteers. The costs amount to:

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| Replacement of Palisade Fence | R 120 000               |
| Repair to Razor Wire Fence    | R 10 000                |
| Other Maintenance Work        | R 20 000                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b><u>R 150 000</u></b> |

The work described above is urgent and needs to be done before another camp can take place at the Kailager. The only camp booking for this year is from 12-20 December and we would like to complete the work in time for that. **However, we need funds in order to be able to do the work.**

The Kailager Committee, in conjunction with regional youth leadership, has therefore decided to launch a fundraising drive to raise the necessary money. We appeal to you to make a donation towards this important work so that we ensure the security and quality of our wonderful Kailager site so that our children and young people can continue to enjoy the blessings of this unique place. The loss of income that 2020 has brought with it makes us completely dependent on your generosity and we encourage you to support this important cause. If more than R150 000 is collected through this drive, the remaining amount will be kept in the Kailager Account and ring-fenced for future fence maintenance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the current committee members:

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Donations can be paid into the following account with the reference indicated:

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|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Account Name: | NELCSA                                             |
| Bank:         | Standard Bank (Current Account, Bank Code: 051001) |
| Account No.:  | 272936936                                          |
| Reference:    | Kailager Donation                                  |

Thank you for considering this request and for your support.

Yours sincerely,  
The Kailager Committee