

Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford will host an itinerant service for the Consulate General in Boston

The Consulate General of Cape Verde in Boston and the Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford signed a Memorandum of Understanding today at the future headquarters of the ACNB located at 1157 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford.



According to the document to be signed by the Consul General Pedro Carvalho and the President of the Association, Raquel Dias, once the building opens its doors, it will host an itinerant service for the Consulate, hopeful by the end of this year. The consular services in New Bedford have been suspended since 2009 when the UMASS Dartmouth closed its campus in New Bedford, where the Consular Office was hosted and we have been unable to secure a new location.

To assist the efforts of rehabilitation of this building, the Consulate of Cape Verde presented a symbolic donation to the Association as a contribution to its efforts to rebuild. The MOU also recognizes the historical importance of the Cape Verdean Community in New Bedford and the need for Center that will respond to their needs and aspirations.

Speaking at the ceremony, Adonis Ferreira, vice-president of the Association considered the donation and the signature of the MOU not just symbolic, but the beginning of a new era in the life of this organization, and both him and Consul Graciano encouraged others, particularly the Cape Verdean Community in New Bedford, the principal beneficiaries of this future Center to

follow suite and help raise the necessary funds to fully rebuilt this building that has profoundly suffered from having its doors closed for over ten years.