

History of the Church and Ministry: “House of Prayer For All Nations Assembly of God” (ADCOP)

President Pastor: Maria de Lourdes Bonfim

The vision of God for His Church:

On March 5, 2004 the missionary Miriam arrived at the home of Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim in Norwalk, Connecticut, accompanied by the Brothers in Christ. They gathered for a purpose of God: to pray and speak the word of God in the basement. Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim gave opening, praying God to bless the meeting. After she read the Word of God in the Book of Prophet Isaiah:

“Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Isaiah 56:7 (NKJV)

Then Pastor told how the vision of the work started: On vacation in Brazil, she met two missionaries; Diacuí Monteiro Braga and Maria Abadia, the wife of an evangelist for an Assembly of God church of Madureira Ministry. They worked in the mission and many miracles happened. Then Pastor returned to Brazil three times to visit her family. Then she met the missionary Maria Abadia, and they worked together to evangelize, and many souls were converted to the Lord Jesus Christ. Meanwhile, the Missionary Diacuí prayed in favor of the ministry. After the Pastor came back to the United States, she continued praying and reading the Word of God with them through phone calls, and God continued talking to her within the vision for more than 5 years. The meeting continued with a reading of the biblical text of Matthew 17:14 – 20, by the brother Vilmar. Then, the brother Vandeilton read in verse 17 of First Chronicles chapter 14. After the Bible readings, a prayer was made and then there was an explanation of Holy Scripture. Then, Pastor prayed for the missionary Miriam and she brought a message from God for her. The Pastor invited to the brother José to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and she prayed for him. There was a conversion, and the missionary has been reinvigorated with the baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues. Then Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim asked everyone to make a prayer in thankfulness to God for the opportunity to tell the vision to fulfill God's purposes that He had revealed to her.

Pastor continued worship services every Tuesdays for two months at her daughter's house, where they met several brothers coming from Danbury, Connecticut where the Missionary Miriam lived. God performed many miracles and the news spread through the whole town.

In the Word of God, in the book of John 4:28-30 tells us: *“The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.” (KJV)*

The group grew and they were taken to a church in Norwalk, where the Pastor lives. After two months, people were gathering there. Pastor was then meditating on the Word of God:

“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit”. John 3:8 (KJV)

In her God’s vision, she could understand that this ministry should be raised in Danbury, Connecticut.

On March 5, 2004, President Pastor Maria de Lourdes Bonfim, with the grace of God, founded the Church and Ministry: *“House of Prayer For All Nations Assembly of God”* (ADCOP, by initials in Portuguese) in Danbury, Connecticut, which is affiliated with the *Spanish Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc.* on September 10, 2004. Also, it is certified and incorporated in the State of Connecticut on October 16, 2006. This Ministry was affiliated to the *General Council of the Assemblies of God (USA)* on May 3, 2010.

The church was founded on the 16 doctrines of Assemblies of God (Statement of Fundamental Truths):

1. The Scriptures Inspired
2. The One True God
3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The Fall of Man.
5. The Salvation of Man.
6. The Ordinances of the Church
7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

8. The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
9. Sanctification.
10. The church and Its Mission.
11. The Ministry.
12. Divine Healing.
13. The Blessed Hope.
14. The Millennial Reign of Christ.
15. The Final Judgment.
16. The New Heavens and the New Earth.

Thus, on a Tuesday afternoon, around 1:30 pm that this work of God began; because "... so far the Lord has blessed us".