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## Media Advisory – 02/09/2012

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### **10am, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Location, TBA): Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH), Will Hold a Press Conference Demanding That ALL 31.6 Million Foreclosure Fraud Settlement Dollars Goes to Homeowners**

Milwaukee Mayor, Tom Barrett and other community leaders will be present to speak out at the event, as Governor Scott Walker has vowed to use 25.6 Million Dollars for the Federal Government to fill gaps in the State's budget, instead of aid the homeowners it is set aside to.

Leaders in MICAH and around the community will gather to speak out against using money from a Federal Government settlement with five of the Nation's largest banks over foreclosure abuse and fraud. The moral implication of the measure has moved leaders in the faith-based organization to stand up and speak out. "These are people that have been dealt a bad hand, and the Federal Government has stepped in to intervene, but the Governor does not want them to have their fair share; Milwaukee has been one the hardest hit areas in the country by the foreclosure crisis, this is not the time to rob Peter to pay Paul", said MICAH President, Reverend Willie Brisco. MICAH hopes that the hurried decision is reconsidered, "...high speed rail money returned, money to provide health care returned; enough is enough, people are struggling", Brisco also added.

MICAH (Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope) is a social justice organization comprised of 34 congregations from 11 denominational/faith traditions. Founded in 1988, MICAH has worked to build community and to bring about a greater degree of justice and equality in the areas of housing, jobs, public school education, incarceration policies, AODA treatment accessibility, health care reform, predatory lending regulation, and the civil rights of immigrants.