Press Advisory for Immediate Release For 19th Annual Faith-Labor Breakfast-with Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes Friday April 26th, 2019, 8AM-10AM

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## Workers' Rights and Faith Community Gather to Share Breakfast

Madison, WI – Worker Justice Wisconsin (the organization merged from the Workers' Rights Center and the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice) invites the public and media to the 19th Annual Faith-Labor Breakfast.

Our featured speaker is Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes. We will explore how, together, we build our state by improving the lives of working people. The morning will also feature Peter Bakken, Coordinator for Public Policy at the Wisconsin Council of Churches, with issues and actions that flow from social justice tenets of faith communities.

As one of only two workers' centers in the entire state of Wisconsin, WJW provides critically needed legal support, education, and training to empower the most vulnerable workers in our community. In 2018, the top issues reported by workers who came to Worker Justice WI were wage theft (31%), discrimination and harassment (21%), discharge and unemployment (13%), and injury (10%). Despite reduced center hours in 2018, workers at the center documented and claimed \$97,057.33 in stolen wages.

The breakfast will be followed by a Workers' Memorial Day Press Conference at 10am to honor Wisconsinites who died on the job in the last year.

**Who:** Worker Justice Wisconsin

(formerly Worker Rights Center & Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice)

**What:** 19th Annual Faith-Labor Breakfast 2019, a celebration of worker rights

open to the general public

**Where:** Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham St. **When:** 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Friday, April 26th, 2019

Cost: \$40/seat to enjoy a breakfast and to hear from Lt. Governor Barnes & Dr. Peter Bakken

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