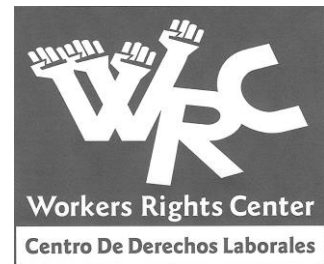




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## **OPEN HOUSE & MERGER PLANS November 15, 2017**

**On November 16, the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice (ICWJ) and the Workers' Rights Center (WRC) will host an open house** to celebrate their new shared location at 1602 S Park Street, Room 116 -- in the Madison Labor Temple. The evening is free and open to the public. All are welcome 5:00-8:00 pm; a brief presentation featuring former and current leadership will occur at 6 pm.

**The event marks three changes** which will provide increased opportunities to workers in our community: 1) the new location of two organizations which have furthered individual and collective worker rights; 2) the location of a worker center, for the first time, in the Madison Labor Temple; 3) plans for a new organization: Worker Justice Wisconsin.

**For 17 years, the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central Wisconsin**, has been a coalition of individuals, faith groups, labor unions, and other community organizations. ICWJ has been a leader locally and statewide, mobilizing in support of the rights of workers to fair wages, health and safety and the right to engage in collective bargaining. **The Workers' Rights Center** has been the primary resource in the Madison area (and beyond) for workers to learn their rights and plan actions to resolve workplace problems. Staff and volunteers meet 500 to 700 workers every year, from Dane and other counties. The most common issue is wage theft, and thousands of dollars are recovered every month through the Center.

**The Boards of ICWJ and WRC have announced their intent to merge** by January 1, 2018. Becky Schigiel, the current Executive Director of both, stated that "Worker Justice Wisconsin will continue the core missions of both organizations. ICWJ and WRC have always been about relationships, and we are bringing it all together to build collective worker power. We will not back down in the face of injustice: we will get better at justice. This is our new center of worker education, leadership development, and action. We welcome the side-by-side involvement of the interfaith community, organized labor, and all who are committed to lifting economic oppression."

Anyone interested in learning more about Worker Justice Wisconsin is encouraged to attend on November 16 or contact Becky Schigiel.