

Report from Waldorf Publications

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In addition to publishing its twice-yearly *Research Bulletin*, the Research Institute for Waldorf Education (RIWE) is busy with the continuing work on the Survey of Waldorf High School Graduates. Connie Stokes reports a strong response from graduates spanning the period 1990–2017, with close to a thousand graduates taking part in the initial online survey. A total of 40 Waldorf schools across the continent have been helpful in stimulating this good response.

RIWE's Executive Director, Douglas Gerwin, has been overseeing this project, as well as traveling across North America and to Brazil, in working with the International Forum for Steiner/Waldorf Education on the Waldorf 100 celebrations and teacher training curricula, teaching both adult and high school students, and leading the Center for Anthroposophy in its own teacher training endeavors.

Under the careful guidance of Marianne Alsop, the Online Waldorf Library continues to build its remarkable library, reaching 'round the world including Spanish-speaking countries and now Chinese-speaking teachers as well. And the much-appreciated course on Teaching Sensible Science, led by Michael D'Aleo, continues to fill the halls of schools with striving teachers and phenomenological science.

Waldorf Publications (WP) has reorganized itself in a new location, revitalizing a languishing "big box building"—a former Walmart—and settling in as a neighbor to the Rudolf Steiner Library. For the first time the WP office, shipping and handling, and inventory are all in one place at 351 Fairview Avenue in Hudson, NY. One longtime and loyal WP employee, Robin Bellack,

retired, and the consolidation makes diminished staff viable. A recent settler in the Hudson Valley and graduate of the Seattle Waldorf Elementary School has joined WP as a part-time assistant in shipping and handling.

WP is enjoying a welcome increase in the volume of submissions for proposed new books. It might become necessary to pause from accepting prospectuses for a time while we catch up in publishing schedules. This indicates a maturing in our Waldorf community that is appropriate given the Waldorf 100 centennial approaching, with teachers recognizing the depth and breadth possible in the endlessly flexible Waldorf curriculum.

The Annual Appeal this year included a map illustrating the reach of RIWE through all its efforts. Visitors from 194 countries around the globe made use of RIWE's resources in 2017. They checked for articles, eBooks, and journal pieces on the Online Waldorf Library, www.waldorflibrary.org; they subscribed to the *Research Bulletin*; they used RIWE's website, www.waldorfresearchinstitute.org, to find research on a variety of topics; they purchased books from WP. Along with more than 51,000 friends on our much-trafficked Facebook page and the rich and informative blogs of the Library Lady at www.waldorfpublishings.org, the reach of the Research Institute is long and the interest is growing—just about everywhere!