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"There are two great responsibilities common to all faiths: to love one another and to care for Creation. Faith in Place creates hopeful and welcoming spaces for people of all faiths to fulfill these two responsibilities as we reflect deeply on our own faiths; integrate the teachings of these faiths into our economic and ecological practices; and work together for a shared future which is economically just and

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


## Biography

Rev. Clare Butterfield's ministry is a call to all people of faith to reflect on religious teachings about environmental stewardship and to come together to act on those teachings. She directs Faith In Place, whose initiatives include: a Neighborhood Food Cooperative, creating a market for local organic farmers in an underserved African-American neighborhood; an Urban Agriculture program for youth; a project to relight the streets with greater efficiency so that stars come into view; and "Illinois Interfaith Power & Light," an initiative using religious leadership to build the market for wind energy in Illinois and part of a multi-state network. Faith in Place also directs a Halal food project called "Eco Halal" which serves and fosters alliances between the Muslim community in Chicago and Apostolic Christian ranchers in Illinois, both of whom value the humane slaughter of animals. Clare is a lawyer, and she is ordained as a Unitarian Universalist Community Minister; she preaches at the Unity Temple in Oak Park, Illinois.

## Resources by this expert

- *World On Fire: A Sermon for Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation*, January 11, 2004
- "Ecology and Worms in Humboldt Park" in *Seeding the Snow, A journal of Women's Writing and Artwork*, Fall-Winter 2003
- *Winds of Change: A Sermon for Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation*, June 15, 2003
- *The Flow of the Real: A sermon for Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation*, December 29, 2002
- "Building Faith in Place" in *Getting Smart*, the newsletter of the Smart Growth Network, Volume 5, Number 4, 2002

## Recent Interviews & Articles

- *New York Times* (letter to editor), December 18, 2004 "[Warming and Rights](#)" 
- *Chicago Sun-Times*, November 24, 2004 "[Religious left needn't be ashamed to speak up](#)" 
- *Chicago Daily Herald*, July 3, 2004 "It is greener on church's side of the street"
- *Chicago Tribune*, April 16, 2004 "[Churches Put Their Faith in God's Earth](#)" 
- *Chicago Wilderness Magazine*, Winter 2003 "Faith and the Ecosystem"
- *Chicago Sun-Times*, March 28, 2002 "Reclaiming Chicago's starry nights"
- *Chicago Sun-Times*, July 11, 2001 "The making of a market takes time"
- *Chicago Weekend*, June 28, 2001 "Black Farmer's Market Brings Organic Foods to Austin"

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