

Rev. Peggy Clarke



Rev. Peggy Clarke comes to us after serving at the First Unitarian Society of Westchester in Hastings on Hudson. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and Peace Studies and a Masters in Historical Theology from Boston College. Her doctoral work was in American Religious History.

After school, Rev. Clarke was a campus minister at St. Anselm's College in New Hampshire and then became a Crisis Work Supervisor at Covenant House in NYC where she worked with homeless and runaway teens. She briefly taught high school theology and went on to become a chaplain at Iona College where she also taught in the Religious Studies department and co-directed the Iona Spirituality Institute for ten years. During her time at Iona, Rev. Clarke created a nationally acclaimed alternative break program which brought her around the country and abroad to teach about a variety of justice issues. Some of the more significant locations include a squatters' village in Nogales, Mexico, Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota, and a migrant worker community in Immokalee, Florida.

After making the decision to enter Unitarian Universalist ministry, she took classes at Starr King School for the Ministry, completed an internship at the UU Fellowship in Poughkeepsie, and Clinical Pastoral Education at Greenwich Hospital. She was ordained in November, 2010.

Rev. Clarke has served our faith on the board of the UU climate justice initiative Commit2Respond, the UU Environmental Justice Collaboratory and as chair of the UU Food Justice Ministry. She was one of our denomination's Observer Delegates at the 2015 United Nations Climate Summit in Paris, represented our faith at Standing Rock and most recently at the Mexican American border, calling attention to the crisis of separated families. She has been published several times in the UU publication Quest and has two chapters in this year's Common Read Justice on Earth.

Peggy lives in Westchester with her husband and 9 year old son.

