Record Nr. UNINA9910791186203321 Autore Hankela Elina Titolo Ubuntu, migration, and ministry: being human in a Johannesburg church / / by Elina Hankela Pubbl/distr/stampa Leiden, Netherlands:,: Brill,, 2014 ©2014 **ISBN** 90-04-27413-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (433 p.) Collana Studies in Systematic Theology, , 1876-1518; ; Volume 15 Disciplina 259.086/9120968221 Soggetti Church work with immigrants Church work with refugees Emigration and immigration - Religious aspects - Christianity Church work with immigrants - South Africa - Johannesburg Church work with refugees - South Africa - Johannesburg Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Preliminary Material -- Introduction -- Methodological Location --Theoretical Location -- Social Location -- Introducing the Central Methodist Mission -- Bishop Verryn's Theological Vision of Humanity -- The Impact of Power and Management Issues on the Actualization of Ubuntu -- The Role of Nationality, Ethnicity and Xenophobia in the (Re) construction of Exclusionary Identities -- Dirt and Disrespect in the Creation of Exclusionary Boundaries -- "Thinking Again": The Presence of the Refugee as an Opportunity -- Negotiating Limits to Ubuntu in the Relationship between Dwellers and Members -- Concluding Remarks on Ubuntu in the Context of Migration and Ministry --Recorded Interviews and Sermons -- Cited WWW-Pages -- Bibliography -- Index. Sommario/riassunto Ubuntu, Migration and Ministry invites the reader to rethink ubuntu (Nguni: humanness/humanity) as a moral notion in the context of local communities. The socio-moral patterns that emerge at the crossroads between ethnography and social ethics offer a fresh perspective to what it means to be human in contemporary Johannesburg. The Central

Methodist Mission is known for sheltering thousands of migrants and

homeless people in the inner city. Based on ethnographic fieldwork, primarily conducted in 2009, Elina Hankela unpacks the church leader's liberationist vision of humanity and analyses the tension between the congregation and the migrants, linked to the refugee ministry. While relational virtues mark the community's moral code, various regulating rules and structures shape the actual relationships at the church. Here ubuntu challenges and is challenged. Winner of the 2014 Donner Institute Prize for Outstanding Research into Religion.