1. Record Nr. UNINA9910809322303321 Autore Ward Pete <1959-> Titolo Liquid ecclesiology: the gospel and the church // By Pete Ward Leiden;; Boston:,: Brill,, 2017 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 90-04-34735-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (227 pages) 262 Disciplina Soggetti Church Ethnology - Religious aspects - Christianity Church and minorities Evangelicalism Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Preliminary Material -- Introduction -- The Gospel and the Church --Nota di contenuto The Gospel as Paradox and Light -- Making Church: Gospel, Construction, and Ecclesial Fluidity -- The Material Nature of the Gospel -- The Gospel and Change -- Personal Faith -- Narratives of Encounter -- Evaluating the Case Study -- The Call to Abide -- Seeing and Learning: Theological Education in the Church -- Bibliography --Index -- Index of Biblical Sources. Sommario/riassunto In Liquid Ecclesiology Pete Ward explores the theological contours of the turn to ethnography in the study of the Christian Church. His approach rests on a theology of culture that holds in tension and paradox the expression of the Church and divine presence. This theological framework is then developed through an extended qualitative empirical case study examining the communicative practices of the contemporary evangelical Church. The case study examines how the evangelical Gospel through expression has become marginalised in the everyday life of communities being replaced by a new more individual and personalised theology seen in worship songs. The final section of the book returns to the debates around ethnographic forms

of theology and the question of normativity. This book will be of

interest to all those engaged in empirical and theological work, as well as those researching the contemporary Church and evangelicalism