Record Nr. UNINA9910821803503321 Autore Kelly Ewan Titolo Meaningful funerals: meeting the theological and pastoral challenge in a postmodern era / / Ewan Kelly Pubbl/distr/stampa London, [England]:,: Mowbray,, 2008 ©2008 **ISBN** 1-282-87130-7 9786612871306 1-4411-0890-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (225 p.) Disciplina 265/.85 Soggetti Funeral service Funeral rites and ceremonies Funeral rites and ceremonies - Great Britain Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Contents; Preface; Acknowledgements; 1 Introduction; 2 The Postmodern Context and the Need for Ritual Following Death: 3 Grieving in a Postmodern World; 4 Spiritual Care of the Bereaved; 5 Coconstructing Funerals; 6 Ritual Leaders: The Need for Integrity of Theology and Practice: 7 Co-construction of Funerals and Opportunities for the Church; 8 Recommendations for Practice; Appendix 1; Appendix 2; Appendix 3; Bibliography; Index The majority of the British population no longer attend church and, Sommario/riassunto consequently, lack familiarity with the Christian tradition, its stories, language and metaphors. However, when bereaved, many still turn to church representatives, working in parish settings or chaplaincies, to perform funerals for their loved ones. The key issue addressed in this book is how funerals may be created which are not only relevant for the bereaved, but also have theological integrity. A paradigm shift in the manner by which funerals are constructed is proposed - from imposing

alien liturgies to creating a unique