Record Nr. UNINA9910823482003321 Autore Clifton Shane Titolo Pentecostal churches in transition [[electronic resource]]: analysing the developing ecclesiology of the Assemblies of God in Australia / / by Shane Clifton Leiden;; Boston,: Brill, 2009 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-60272-1 9786612602726 90-474-2870-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (260 p.) Collana Global Pentecostal and Charismatic studies, , 1876-2247;; v. 3 262/.0994 Disciplina Soggetti Australia Church history Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Based on the author's thesis (Ph. D.)--Australian Catholic University, 2005. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [227]-242) and index. Nota di contenuto Preliminary Material -- Chapter One. Pentecostal Ecclesiology --Chapter Two. From Faith Missions To Churches, 1800's To 1930's --Chapter Three. Formation Of A Democratised National Fellowship, 1930's To 1960's -- Chapter Four. Growth Controversy And Revolution, 1960's To Present -- Chapter Five. Conclusion: Looking Forward And Thinking Globally -- Bibliography -- Index. Sommario/riassunto The global growth of Pentecostal movements during the course of the twentieth century has been widely documented although, to date, there has been little written on their developing ecclesiology. After making the case for a concrete rather than idealised approach to ecclesiology, this book describes and analyses the transitions that have framed the ways in which Australian Pentecostals have understood church life and mission. From a loosely knit faith missions movement, to congregational free church structures, to the so-called apostolic models of mega-churches, Australian pentecostalism stands as a microcosmos of ecclesial developments that have occurred throughout

the world. This book, therefore, provides a means of reflecting upon what has been gained and lost in the process of ecclesiological change.