Non-western migrant churches add colour to the palette of Christianity in the Netherlands in an epoch characterised by processes of secularisation as well as anti-immigration sentiments. Many of these migrant churches are Pentecostal. This book focuses on two Pentecostal migrant churches in Rotterdam, Igreja Manâ (mostly Angolan) and Calvary Christian Center (mostly Brazilian). Taking an ethnographic approach, it offers a local, in-depth and comparative approach to understanding the global Pentecostal movement, a fascinating movement able to thrive on globalism as a movement of empowerment. The book examines three significant discourses and associated practices with regard to space, time and power, which stem from and give meaning to the complicated life experiences of transnational migrants from Angola and Brazil. From the comparisons drawn between two migrant churches, the book traces the emergence of distinctly different pictures. These comparisons reveal the deep-seated heterogeneous character of the Pentecostal movement in relation to notions of time and spiritual power. In addition, by describing the ways in which these two Pentecostal Migrant churches form part of the transnational space in the Netherlands, the book shows how this space shapes not only possibilities, but also the constraints for the survival of non-western migrant churches. This study points to the need for a more nuanced conceptualisation of Pentecostalism, not only in relation to its theological and ecclesiastic origins, but also with regard to the dynamics between theological concepts, discourses and social transformations due to migration.

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