

'Lived religion' signifies a shift of focus in order to attend to the religiosity of individuals and groups as embedded in the contexts of life-worlds. It suggests fresh attention to the body, to perception, to experience, to everyday life, and to biography. The essays in this collection gravitate around the concept of 'lived religion', honoring the contributions of Hans-Günter Heimbrock, in which he suggests this conceptual framework for understanding practical theology and religious education and for designing empirical research in theology. The contributions embrace a broad spectrum and include empirical studies, exegetical and historical investigations, contributions on practical theology as well as on the theory and practice of religious education, inviting further reflection and discussion about 'lived religion'.

HEINZ STREIB is Professor of Religious Education and Ecumenical Theology at Bielefeld University. There he has established the Research Center for Biographical Studies in Contemporary Religion. His research foci are faith development theory, deconversion, spirituality and religious transformation.

ASTRID DINTER is professor of Protestant Theology / Religious Education at the University of Education in Weingarten and pastor of the Lutheran Church of Bavaria. Her recent publications include *Adoleszenz und Computer* (2007) and *Einführung in die Empirische Theologie* (2007).

KERSTIN SÖDERBLOM is minister of the Protestant Church (EKHN) and post-doc researcher/lecturer of Practical Theology/Religious Education in the Theological Faculty at Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt/Main. Her recent publications include *Einführung in die Empirische Theologie* (2007)

www.brill.nl



LIVED RELIGION

CONCEPTUAL, EMPIRICAL
AND PRACTICAL-THEOLOGICAL
APPROACHES

ESSAYS IN HONOR OF HANS-GÜNTER HEIMBROCK

Edited by
HEINZ STREIB, ASTRID DINTER
& KERSTIN SÖDERBLOM

BRILL