

**2019
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**



**Saturday, January 12, 2019
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

ALL MEBC LEADERS,

2019 will be the year of **ACCOUNTABILITY!** As your pastor, I want to make sure you are fully equipped to be an effective leader at Mount Ephraim Baptist Church. I am asking **ALL OFFICERS** and **LEADERS OF EACH MINISTRY** to please come out and participate in this free and spectacular conference.

Pastor Gilmore



Facilitator

**Dr. Mark
CROSTON**

National Director of Black &
Western Church Partnership





Brief Biographical Sketch of *Mark A. Croston, Sr., D.Min.*

Dr. Mark Andrew Croston, Sr. was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Three years after the death of his first wife, Dr. Croston married his current wife, Brenda. This blended family has four children, Candace, Juliette, Mark, Jr., and Antonio.

Dr. Croston is the author or contributor to several books including, *Big Results: Sunday School and Black Church Life*; *Removing the Stain of Racism from the SBC*; *The Chosen Path*, *Seeds of Hope: Liberia and Virginia Baptists*; *From My Heart to Yours* and *Worship: How to Say to God I Love You*. His doctoral dissertation is titled *Intentional Christian Education in a Rural-Urban African American Church and Community*. He is a sought after Conference Presenter, Revival Preacher and a man on Mission. Dr. Croston has traveled in almost 40 countries.

Dr. Croston served four years as Christian Education Director at the Christian Mission Fellowship Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA; three years as Minister of Youth at the First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown, Kentucky; and twenty-six years as Senior Pastor, East End Baptist Church in Suffolk, Virginia. He currently serves as *National Director of Black and Western Church Partnerships* at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tennessee; General Editor and Writer for the *YOU Urban Bible Study Curriculum*; Teaching Pastor of Christ Fellowship, Miami, Florida and Executive Pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Additionally, Dr. Croston has been conferred the title of Pastor Emeritus of East End Baptist Church, Suffolk, Virginia.

Dr. Croston has served as President of the Baptist General Association of Virginia; President of the Virginia Baptist State Convention; President and Treasurer of the National African American Fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Croston believes as Henri J.M. Nouwen said, "*Nobody can minister to his fellow man when he is unwilling to deny himself in order to create the space where God can do His work.*" (*Creative Ministry*, p.50)