



JOSEPH L. GASTON

DIRECTOR, *Haitian Church Development Department*

Serving the Convention since 2002

Primary Responsibility:

To plan and administer a comprehensive program of church development for the 293 Haitian churches and missions relating to the Florida Baptist Convention.

Birth:

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Spouse:

Marie

Education:

Ph.D in Christian Leadership, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, 2005

Master in Arts, Christian Education, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, 1997

B.S., State University of Law and Economics, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1981

Previous Positions:

Associate Director, Language Church Development Department, Florida Baptist Convention, 2002-2007

Coordinator of Academic Studies and Professor of Christian Education and Leadership, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Haiti Extension, 2004-2007

Garret Fellow/Professor's Assistant, Christian Education and Leadership, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, 2000-2002

Pastor, First Haitian Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, 1995-2002

Instructor, Boyce Bible School, Southern Baptist Seminary Extension, Brooklyn, New York, 1994-1995

Minister of Education and Music, French-Speaking Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, 1985-1995

Minister of Youth and Choir Director, First Haitian Baptist Church, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1975-1985

Non-ministerial Positions:

Income tax preparer, H and R Block, Brooklyn, New York, 1994-1995

Bilingual Math Teacher, New York City Public Schools, 1991-1995

Insurance Agent and Financial Advisor, Prudential Insurance Company, New York, New York, 1990-1992

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Non-ministerial Positions (*continued*):

Professional Customer Service Representative, Empire
Blue Cross and Blue Shield, New York, New York,
1986-1990
Economic Analyst, Haitian Department of Finances,
Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1980-1982
Teacher, Haitian Board of Education, Port-au-Prince,
Haiti, 1977-1985

Language Fluency:

French, Spanish and English

Denominational Affiliations:

Garret Fellow Team Teaching, Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary, 2000-2002
Church Consultant, seminary leader for church
educational ministries and Christian leadership
Guest Lecturer/Speaker at various colleges on
specialized topics such as French, Haitian culture,
and Haitian ministry
Certified trainer/facilitator of Next Level Leadership
Network
American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
North American Professor of Christian Education
(NAPCE)
Southern Baptist Religious Education Association
(SABREA)
Chairman of the Leadership Advisory Council for
Southern Baptist Convention/Haitian Ministries

Additional Training:

Certificate Christian Leadership and Ministry, The Boyce
Bible College, Seminary Extension, Brooklyn,
New York, August 1995
Certificate in Bilingual Teacher Training Program, Saint
Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, New York, July
1987
Two diplomas in Spanish language, University of Caracas
(C.I.D.I. Languages Center), Caracas, Venezuela,
July 1983 and September 1985

Church Membership:

Redemption Baptist Church, Pompano Beach, Florida