**School for Associate Ministers  
Director: Dr. Artie L. Polk**

**Objectives**

The objectives of the School for Associate Ministers this year are to provide instructions on (1) How to be effective as an associate minister; (2) Ten practices associated with ten deep springs of thriving, not just surviving, as an associate minister.

**Outline**

We will use a two-fold format: Lecture and Discussion and Questions and Answers.

**Monday, 1 May Lecture**: “Grow Toward Partnership”

“Live with (and Lift) the ‘Lid’”   
Reverend Dr. Vanessa R. Watson  
Professor of Ethics  
Washington Baptist Theological Seminary

**Discussion:** All

**Tuesday, 2 May Lecture:** “Clarify Your Role”

“Think (and Act) Strategically”  
 Reverend Christopher Strickland  
 President of the Associate Ministers Division, NCBC

**Discussion:** All

**Wednesday, 3 May Lecture:** “Develop for the Future”

“Organize Selectively”

Reverend Dr. Vanessa R. Watson  
Professor of Ethics  
Washington Baptist Theological Seminary

**Discussion:** All

**Thursday, 4 May**  **Lecture**: “Navigate Governance Nuances”

“Seek Lasting Rewards”

Reverend Christopher Strickland

President of the Associate Ministers Division, NCBC

**Discussion:** All

**Friday, 5 May**  **Lecture**: “Overcoming Loneliness”

“Extend Your ‘Shelf Life’”

Reverend Dr. Vanessa R. Watson

Professor of Ethics

Washington Baptist Theological Seminary

**Discussion:** All