

1944
Ext. 1945

Name Richard Obee Comfort

Negro
White Southerner

Position Presbyterian minister, Lavergne, Tennessee

Special Field Religion
Group

College Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, B.S. in Agriculture, 1939

University Union Theological Seminary, B.D., 1942
Peabody College and Vanderbilt University, 1942-44

Plan of Work:

To study the training of rural religious leadership in the United States and Mexico (if possible) including the following topics: seminary training, college training (agricultural and religious), conferences for rural leaders, in-service training programs sponsored by the various denominations and other methods that may come to attention as the study develops. This study is to be interracial as well as interdenominational in scope.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

1944 Granted \$1200
1945 Extension \$600



Assistant minister, University Heights Presbyterian Church, New York City,
1939-40; minister, Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church, Budd Lake, New Jersey, 1940-41;
research assistant, Presbyterian Board of National Missions, New York City,
1941-42.

*George Peabody College
Nashville, Tenn.*

La Vergne, Tennessee (D)

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UNIVERSITY

Richard Obee Comfort

Presbyterian minister
LaVergne Presbyterian Church
LaVergne, Tennessee

Religion

Interesting - exciting - affectionate
If we're looking for a preacher
candidate, here he is.

Young, hard working, able
Brearily a good man to work
with. Could we give him ^{any} ^{broader}
experience?

Renewal

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RICHARD O. COMFORT

Student at Peabody College, Nashville
LaVergne, Tennessee

Religion

Hard to tell just what he
has done. Requests only
\$600, however - can be con-
sidered an extension. See
what C. S. J. says.

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Presbyterian minister, LaVergne Presbyterian Church
LaVergne, Tennessee

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Requests grant for one year beginning July, 1944. Will return to present position. Wishes to work toward Ph.D. at Peabody College under Dr. H. G. Brearley.

Personal Data

Born Chicago, Illinois, March, 1918 (while my father, **Age: 26** 40 a native Texan, was studying at the University of Chicago).
Married, two children.

Undergraduate Work

Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, B.S. in Agriculture, 1939.

Graduate Work

Union Theological Seminary, B.D. 1942.
Peabody College and Vanderbilt University, 1942-44.

Experience

Assistant minister, University Heights Presbyterian Church, 180th and University Avenue, New York City, 1939-1940, \$600; minister, Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church, Budd Lake, New Jersey, 1940-41, \$500; summer student work, Presbyterian Board of National Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, summers 1940, 1941, 1942, \$120 plus expenses each summer; research assistant, Presbyterian Board of National Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, 1941-42, \$500; minister, LaVergne Presbyterian Church, LaVergne, Tennessee, 1942- , \$1480.

Accomplishments

Alpha Zeta.
Phi Kappa Phi.
Survey of rural churches for Presbyterian Board of National Missions.
B.D. thesis: The Smaller Denominations in the Southwest and their Challenge to Protestantism.

Fellowships:

Union Theological Seminary, 1939-42, \$650.
Vanderbilt School of Religion, 1942-43, \$150.

References

H. C. Brearley, Peabody College
J. K. Benton, Vanderbilt University
Henry S. Randolph, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City
Arthur L. Swift, Jr., Union Theological Seminary
C. E. Cathey, 808 Broad Street, Nashville, Tennessee

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,200
From Applicant	-
From Fund	\$1,200

AMOUNT GRANTED

\$1200

Sent to Committee



Name Richard O. Comfort **Field:** ReligionStudent at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee
LaVergne, Tennessee**Plan of Work**

To study the training of rural religious leadership in the United States and Mexico. It is planned to analyze the present training programs which will necessitate visiting as many of the training centers as possible. The study will be both interdenominational and interracial in scope.

Requests grant for school year, 1945-46. Wishes to work at Peabody College under the supervision of Dr. H. C. Brearley of Peabody, and Dean J. K. Benton of Vanderbilt, with Dean W. J. Faulkner of Fisk and Miss Sara McCracken of Scarritt as consultants. Will spend portions of next summer and next fall visiting centers where rural religious leaders are being trained.

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Rosenwald grant, Peabody College, 1944-45, \$1200.

References

H. C. Brearley, Peabody College
S. L. Smith, " "
J. K. Benton, Vanderbilt School of Religion
John E. Brewton, Peabody College

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$600
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