

BENJAMIN E. MAYS

President of Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Religion

Here is a top man

He is asking for support of a
project - not a fellowship for
his own development (yet we've
given such grants of Fragier)

He apparently will not give up
either his present work or his
present salary

Question is do we want to help
a top man do an important job
(which he'll doubtless do anyway).

A fellowship would buy
any more time - just provide a
larger income

Name Benjamin E. Mays Field: Religion

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Plan of Work To bring "The Negro's Church" published in 1933 up to date and broaden its scope so that the new book will be a critical appraisal of the Negro church in American life.

Requests grant from 1948 to 1953.

Personal Data Born Epworth, South Carolina, August 1895 Age: 52
Married, four dependents Draft Status:

Undergraduate Work Bates College, A.B., 1920

Graduate Work University of Chicago, A.M., 1925
University of Chicago, Ph.D., 1935

Experience Professor of Mathematics, Morehouse College, 1921-24, \$1200-\$1800; pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., 1922-25, \$900; English professor, S. C. State College, Orangeburg, 1925-26, \$2000; executive secretary, Tampa Urban League, Fla., 1926-28, \$2400; student secretary, Nat'l. YMCA, Atlanta, Ga., 1928-30, \$3500; dir. of study, Institute of Social & Rel. Research, N.Y., 1930-32, \$4000; Dean of Religion, Howard Univ., 1934-40, \$4000; President, Morehouse College, 1940- , \$4000.

Accomplishments Co-director of a study of Negro life in Tampa, Fla.; directed a study of the occupational choices of Negro college students; directed a study of Negro churches in the U. S.; conducted a study on the development of the idea of God in Negro literature.

Publications "The Negro's Church", Institute of Social & Religious Research, 1933;
"The Negro's God"(as reflected in his literature) Chapman & Grimes, 1938;
"Seeking to be Christians in Race Relations", Friendship Press, 1946; contributed sections and chapters to following books: Christus Victor, Encyclopedia of Religion; Representative American Speeches, Best Sermons(1946), Negro Life and History in South Carolina, etc. etc.

~~References~~
Scholarships James Hardy Dillard Scholarship, \$1200; Kent Fellowship, \$500 to complete work for the Ph.D. degree.

References
H. Paul Douglass, Editor, New York City
Ira Reid, Atlanta University
J. M. Ellison, Virginia Union University
Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta University

Sent to Committee

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$10,000
From Applicant	1,000
From Fund	7,000
From Fund	\$ 2,000

AMOUNT GRANTED

