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Application and accompanying documents should be filed as early as possible for the convenience of the Fellowship Committee, preferably during the early autumn. No application can be considered by the Committee unless the completely filled-out blank and all of the materials requested reach the Director for Fellowships by January 3, 1944.

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White Southerner

Name in full.....**Richard Obes Comfort**.....

Present address **LaVergne, Tennessee**
City State

Permanent address **LaVergne, Tennessee**
City State

Present position (be specific)..... **Presbyterian Minister**.....

Institution or organization **LaVergne Presbyterian Church** salary..... **\$1480.00**.....

Address **LaVergne, Tennessee**
City State

Specific Field **The Training of Rural Religious Leadership**.....

Concise statement of plan of work **I plan 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.**

Dates of period for which grant is desired..... **July 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945**.....

What is your estimate of the total duration of the proposed project? .. **Two or three years depending somewhat on when I can get enough gasoline to do the field work by auto.**

Will you return to your present position? .. **Yes** .. If not, for what position do you seek further training?.....

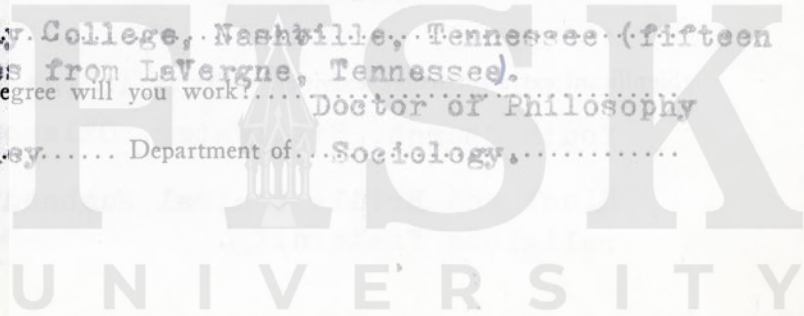
In connection with my present work it might be possible for me to do some teaching in the field of rural church work.

If you contemplate graduate study, please fill in the following:

What institution do you wish to attend?..... **Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee (fifteen miles from LaVergne, Tennessee).**

Have you been admitted?..... **Yes**..... For what degree will you work?..... **Doctor of Philosophy**

Under whose supervision?..... **Dr. H.C. Brearley**..... Department of... **Sociology**.....



Personal History

Place of birth....Chicago, Illinois.....Date of birth...March 11, 1918...

include (While my father, a native Texan, was studying at the University of Single, married, widowed, divorced.....~~Married~~.....Chicago)

Name and address of wife or husband.....Mrs. Winona Wise Comfort, LaVergne, Tennessee.

Occupation and salary of wife or husband.....Housewife--no salary.....

Number and ages of children...Two children...One boy is two and one half years old

Dependents ³ ~~none~~.....To what extent? *fully*.....Relationship *wife + 2 children*

Have you any constitutional disorder or physical disability?.....No.....

(The Committee on Fellowships reserves the right to require a full physical examination.)

Draft status ... ^{4D} ~~4F~~ Due to ministerial exemption. At present I am doing wartime service work for the Presbyterian Wartime Service Commission, being its representative at the Smyrna Air Base, Smyrna, Tennessee.

Education

One official transcript of your college and university records together with five copies must be submitted with your application. (Copies may be typed by the applicant.)

	Name of Institution	Period of Study (Give dates)	Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates (Give dates)
College	Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College	1935-1939	B.S. in Agriculture in 1939
University			
Professional or technical	Union Theological Seminary in New York City	1939-1942	B.D. 1942
Special study	Now doing work at Peabody College and Vanderbilt University	1942-1944	M.A. Peabody College-1944

Significant extra-curricular activities...Y.M.C.A. (student group). Moderator of Presbyterian Youth Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Member of Aggie Society, Member of Block and Bridle (Animal Husbandry) Club, Phi Kappa Phi (Honorary religious fraternity).



Experience

Give record chronologically.

Institution or Organization	Address	Position	Inclusive Dates	Annual Salary
University Heights Presbyterian Church	180th and University Ave. Bronx, N.Y.C.	Asst. Minister	Oct. 1939- May 1940	\$600.00
Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church (National Missions work)	Budd Lake, N.J.	Minister	1940-41 Oct.-May	\$500.00
Presbyterian Board of National Missions-	156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.C.	Summer Student Work	Summers of 1940, '41, '42.	\$120 plus expenses each summer
Presbyterian Board of National Missions	156 Fifth Ave. New York City	Research Assistant	Oct. '41-May '42	\$500.00
LaVergne Presbyterian Church, LaVergne, Tenn.		Minister.	Sept. 1942-	\$1480.00

Accomplishments

- Of what learned, scientific, or artistic societies are you a member?
 - Alpha Zeta- National
 - Honorary Agricultural Fraternity.
- What research or creative work have you done? (If in business or a profession, give evidence of standing and achievements.)
 - Survey of rural churches for the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
 - B.D. Thesis under the direction of Dr. Arthur L. Swift, Jr. of Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Subject- The Smaller Denominations in the Southwest and Their Challenge to Protestantism.
- Publications (Books and articles. Give title, date, and publisher).
 - None

- List scholarships or fellowships you have previously held or now hold, stating in each case the places and periods of tenure, the studies pursued during your incumbency, and the amounts of the stipends.

Union Theological Seminary- 1939-1942 studying for B.D. degree... \$650.00
 Vanderbilt School of Religion- 1942-1943, Studying for M.A. degree \$150.00

Budget Estimate

Room and board.....\$.....
 Clothing.....
 Insurance.....
 Tuition.....\$450.00
 Transportation.....\$100.00
 Miscellaneous.....\$150.00
Field work.....\$500.00

Total amount needed \$..\$1200.00
 Amount applicant can provide \$..Living expenses
 Amount requested from Fund \$...\$1200.00

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If you have applied or expect to apply elsewhere for any fellowship for the same period (which is, of course, permissible) state the facts regarding such application.

No.

References

List references from whom confidential information may be obtained concerning your professional qualifications and from whom expert opinion may be obtained as to the value and practicability of your proposed plan of work.

Name of Reference	Position	Address
Dr. H.C. Brearley	Professor of Sociology	Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee
Dr. J.K. Benton	Dean of Vanderbilt University School of Religion.	Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee.
Dr. Henry S. Randolph	Secretary of unit of Rural Church and Indian work.	Presbyterian Board of National Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.
Dr. Arthur L. Swift, Jr.	Professor of Church and Community work.	Union Theological Seminary 3041 Broadway, New York City, New York.
Rev. C.E. Cathey	Field Representative of Presbyterian Board of Christian Education	808 Broad Street in the Synod of Mid-South. Nashville, Tenn.

Statement of Plan of Work

Submit a statement giving detailed plans for your work during the tenure of your fellowship. This statement should include: (1) a full description of the project, including its character, scope, and significance; (2) the present state of the project (time of commencement, progress to date, etc.) and expectation as to completion; (3) the proposed university, institution of similar grade, or other place where work would be carried on, and the authorities with whom it would be done; (4) your expectation as to publication or use of the results of your study; (5) subsequent plans for your career.

Your plan of work should be carefully prepared. Submit *seven copies* typed on 8 1/2"x11" paper. Your name should be on each sheet.

SIGNATURE

Richard O. Comfort

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