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Co-author of the Negro's Church"  
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POSITIONS HELD:

Dr. Mays served as pastor in Atlanta, Georgia, for three years. He assisted in a church in Chicago while attending the University of Chicago. He was a teacher of higher mathematics in Morehouse College for three years and a professor in the South Carolina State College. As executive secretary of the Tampa Urban League he directed a study relative to Negro Life in Tampa, Florida. While a National Y. M. C. A. Student Secretary, Dr. Mays directed a study of the occupational choices of Negro college students and for two years he directed a study of the Negro church under the auspices of the Institute of Social and Religious Research. Dr. Mays was called to his present position in 1934.

TRAVEL:

In January 1937, Dr. Mays was one of the thirteen Americans to represent the National Young Men's Christian Association of America at the World Y.M.C.A. Conference which met in Mysore, India. In July of the same year, Dr. Mays attended the Oxford Conference on the Church, Community and State. In May, 1938, he represented the National Y.M.C.A. of America at the Plenary Session of the World Committee of the Y.M.C.A. which met in Stockholm, Sweden.