CRS University Chapter DIY Training

UPDATED FALL 2020

Use this guide to onboard new chapter members or to host a training for your whole chapter, if your chapter was unable to attend this year’s Fall Trainings. If you are planning on hosting a training for your whole chapter, please reach out to your CRS contact in advance so that they can support you. If you do not know who your CRS contact is, you can email university@crs.org.

PART I: RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD & SELF

Pray: “Because We Are Yours”
Reflect: Reflect individually or as a group on who planted the seeds of solidarity in your life using this slide deck. See full instructions in the “notes” section below the slides.

PART II: RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR WORLD

Review: Review the Relationship with our World slide deck. Full stories are included in the “notes” section below each slide. If you are conducting this training as a group, consider selecting readers for each story.
Reflect: Use the reflection questions included in the slide deck to discuss the stories.

PART III: A VISION FOR RIGHT RELATIONSHIP

Read: CRS University Chapters Overview
Watch: Overview of Chapter Opportunities
Reflect: Which aspects of CRS Chapters are most exciting to you?

PART IV: LIVING IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP: ADVOCACY

Watch: Global Child Thrive Act Overview
Read: Global Child Thrive Act Briefing

Act: Take action on the Global Child Thrive Act by filling out an action alert. You can also access the action alert by texting “CRSU Hunger” to 306-44. Be sure to personalize your action alert, explaining why you care, in order to make your action ten times more effective.

Review: Review the Advocacy Skills Overview slide deck. A full script is included in the “notes” section under each slide.

• Note: There are handouts on each of these advocacy skills at:
  https://university.crs.org/leadership-and-action-resources

PART V: LIVING IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP: COMMUNITY GIVING

Review: CRS Rice Bowl website
Reflect: What, if any, new ideas do you want to implement as part of CRS Rice Bowl this year?

Review: CRS’ three new community giving resources. Click on the tile that says “Community Giving” to navigate to the site.
Reflect: Which of these three concepts might you want to use with your community?
PART VI: PLANNING

Read: University Chapter Planning Calendar
Reflect: As you reviewed the planning calendar, what opportunities do you see?

Read: University Chapter Roles
Reflect: How will the members of your chapter fulfill these roles?

Plan: If you haven’t already done so, decide when your chapter will meet each month to complete the monthly action sheets and conduct other planning.

PART VII: CLOSING

Pray: Use this commissioning service or pray “Call Us Forth” to close.

NEXT STEPS

1. Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of every month at 1:00p.m. Eastern so that you can join the National Chapter Conference Call to hear from dynamic guest speakers, get legislative updates, hone your skills, and celebrate the successes of chapters across the country.

2. If you have not yet reached out to your CRS contact, please do so as soon as possible so that they can support you in planning and next steps and ensure that the members of your chapter are on the email list to receive the monthly action sheets. If you do not know who your CRS contact is, email university@crs.org.