



## **Student Chapter Charter**

Cru, a California nonprofit corporation with its principal offices in Orlando, Florida, issues this Charter to the \_\_\_\_\_ [*Ministry*] Chapter at \_\_\_\_\_ [*Name of School*] on \_\_\_\_\_ [*date*]. The Chapter's leadership has agreed to the requirements as stated below and is committed to upholding—in word and deed—the distinctives of Cru.

### **Article I: Our Organization**

Cru was founded in 1951 as a campus ministry by Bill and Vonette Bright (called Campus Crusade for Christ). Today, the ministry of Cru touches people in 191 countries around the World. Today, the campus ministry of Cru is a network of vibrant, growing movements on campuses in the United States and beyond.

### **Article II: Our Statement of Faith**

The Statement of Faith is the doctrinal foundation of our organization.

The Statement of Faith for this organization may be found at <http://www.cru.org/about-us/statement-of-faith/index.htm>. It is also included as Appendix I to this Charter.

### **Article III: Our Mission**

Cru has been on campuses for over 60 years, helping students come to know Jesus, grow in their faith and then go to their families, their communities and all over the world to tell others about God's love. This mission flows out of the mandate given to all believers in Matthew 28:18-20, where Jesus sends his disciples to lead others into a relationship with God and teach them how to follow him. We live out this calling on university and college campuses, and on high school and middle school campuses.

In order to live out this mission on its particular campus, each Chapter of Cru's Campus Ministry seeks to build a movement of people who are transformed by Jesus Christ. The student-led movement seeks to introduce students to Jesus, help them to grow in their faith, encourage them to live life passionately under the Lordship of Christ, and inspire commitment to advancing the purposes of God in the world.

### **Article IV: Our Ministry**

The following words form the foundation for our actions and activities:

- A. **Win:** We seek to introduce students to the person of Jesus and what it means to have a personal relationship with Him.
- B. **Build:** We seek to equip and develop students to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- C. **Send:** We equip students to share their faith and disciple others on campus, in the community and around the world.

## **Article V: Our Chapters**

- A. Chapter Requirements:
  - a. Any 3 or more student members who are fee paying students at a college or university may form a student chapter.
  - b. Chapter leadership must ensure that the Chapter remains in full compliance with the messages and the mission of Cru. The Chapter must retain our spiritual status as an interdenominational Christian ministry. Leadership Team members must understand and uphold Cru's Statement of Faith. In order to maintain Chartered status as a Chapter of Cru, the Leadership Team must agree to the standards and requirements listed in Article V, section B.
  - c. Membership in each chapter is open to individuals, regardless of their background or beliefs. As an organization, we do not restrict membership based upon race, color, national origin, religion, sex, physical and mental disability, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship or veteran status.
- B. Each Chapter's Leadership Team must agree with and affirm the following:
  - a. We will seek to remain in full compliance with the mission and messages of Cru. We will submit to the guidance and direction of the national leaders of Cru.
  - b. We commit to uphold the distinctives of Cru. As a Chapter of Cru, we understand that we represent this organization. As a Chapter of Cru, we agree to follow and comply with the policies and procedures established by Cru for its student ministries. We acknowledge that the failure to uphold these standards may result in the revocation of Chapter status.
  - c. We commit to lead the Chapter so as to carry out the mission and messages of Cru, as stated in Article II and Article III, and will seek to model and teach Cru's core messages through our behavior and words so that the messages are communicated with integrity.
  - d. We confirm that each Leadership Team member has met the requirements for leadership enumerated in our Chapter Constitution.
- C. Each Chapter is connected to the support system of this international ministry, and may seek assistance and counsel from the organization.
- D. Because Cru has been called to win, build and send Christ-centered laborers, we expect our leaders will themselves seek to live Christ-centered lives, walking humbly and without

hypocrisy. Cru requires leaders to understand Cru teachings and to live in a way that reinforces these teachings and does not undermine them. We want our leaders to experience life and joy in God. We want them to know that the fullness of their identity can be found only in Christ. We believe they will be transformed into His likeness as they see Him more clearly (2 Cor. 3:17-18), submitting to His Lordship and obeying His Word (Jn 14:21; 15:7).

This means we expect leaders to live in a way that honors Jesus Christ and reflects the teaching of Christian Scripture (Eph 5:1-2; Col. 3:16-17). This lifestyle is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ (Eph. 1-3) and expresses itself in love for God and for one's neighbor (Matt. 22:36-40; Gal. 5:13-14). It is a life of faith, hope and love; as well as purity, service, sacrifice, repentance and joy (1 Cor 13; Eph. 4:17-5:21; 2 Tim 2:20-26; Gal 5:16-26; 1 John 4:7-21). We encourage student leaders, in humility and love, to follow the example of Jesus Christ in placing the interests of others above their own interests (Phil. 2:1-8; 1 Pet 5:1-7; John 13:1-15). The following standards reflect this commitment:

- Leaders should seek to care for those in need around them (Gal 2:10; Luke 10:25-37).
- Leaders should seek to lead with humility, affirming the giftings of those around them, practicing conflict resolution, admitting what is beyond their competencies, and inviting Biblical counsel from others (Eph 4:12-16; Prov 19:20-21).
- Leaders are required to model honesty and integrity in business and personal dealings (James 5:12; Eph. 4:25-29).
- Leaders must be wise in their use of alcohol by heeding the legal drinking age, avoiding drunkenness (Eph 6:18), and refraining when with those under drinking age and when drinking might cause someone to stumble (Rom. 14:21).
- Leaders are required to remain sexually pure (1 Thes. 4:1-8; Eph 5:3-14;), abstaining from sexual intimacy outside of the life-long covenant of Christian marriage, taking practical steps to avoid both behavior and media that promote impure thoughts and actions--such as pornography and certain kinds of movies--and seeking to honor Christ in how they relate to others (1 Cor 6:12-20; 10:23-24). ("Marriage" in this context refers to the Biblical teaching about the lifelong covenant of Christian marriage as taught by Cru [Gen. 1:26-27; 2:18-25; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-8; Eph 5:21-33].)
- Leaders must seek to treat others with respect, as those made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27), and should avoid any threatening or hostile acts, behaviors or words (1 Thess 5:11; Eph 4:29).

## **Article VI: Financial Responsibility**

Cru holds to high standards of financial integrity. We seek to build confidence in all of our dealings, and strive to honor the Lord in all of our financial activity.

Accordingly, each Chapter must comply with the financial standards established by the RSO policies at the school where it is organized. The Chapter must also agree to comply with financial policies established by Cru. If there is a conflict between Cru policies and the RSO policies, the RSO policies

will control the club, but the leaders agree to discuss any conflicting provisions with Cru. If the school RSO policies violate Cru standards and cannot be reconciled, Cru will decline to charter the club.

A Chapter shall not seek to open an independent bank account, unless it is under the authority and control of the school where it is organized, in order to manage funds granted to it by the school.

#### **Article VII: License**

In exchange for the agreement of chapter leadership to uphold the distinctives of this organization, Cru licenses the student group at \_\_\_\_\_ [*Name of School*] the use of the name, “Cru,” as well as use of the logo and materials listed and described in Appendix II to this Charter.

#### **Article VIII: Revocation**

We reserve the right to revoke the Charter of a particular chapter for the failure of the chapter leadership to subscribe to or act in accordance with the standards set forth in this Charter.

## **APPENDIX I—STATEMENT OF FAITH**

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The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God's infallible written Word, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it was written without error (inerrant) in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks.

We accept those areas of doctrinal teaching on which, historically, there has been general agreement among all true Christians. Because of the specialized calling of our movement, we desire to allow for freedom of conviction on other doctrinal matters, provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone, and that no such interpretation shall become an issue which hinders the ministry to which God has called us.

1. There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality.
2. Jesus Christ is God, the living Word, who became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. Hence, He is perfect Deity and true humanity united in one person forever.
3. He lived a sinless life and voluntarily atoned for human sins by dying on the cross as a substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone.
4. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died.
5. He ascended bodily into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God the Father, where He, the only mediator between God and humanity, continually makes intercession for His own.
6. Adam and Eve were originally created in the image of God. They sinned by disobeying God; thus, they were alienated from their Creator. That historic fall brought all people under divine condemnation.
7. Human nature is corrupted. As a result, all people are totally unable to please God. Everyone is in need of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
8. Salvation is wholly a work of God's free grace and is not the work, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness or religious ceremony. God imputes His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justified them in His sight.
9. It is the privilege of all who are born again of the Spirit to be assured of their salvation from the very moment in which they trust Christ as their Savior. This assurance is not based upon any kind of human merit, but is produced by the witness of the Holy Spirit, who confirms in the believer the testimony of God in His written word.
10. The Holy Spirit has come into the world to reveal and glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to men. He convicts and draws sinners to Christ, imparts new life to them, continually indwells them from the moment of spiritual birth and seals them until the day of redemption. His fullness, power and control are appropriated in the believer's life by faith.
11. Believers are called to live so in the power of the indwelling Spirit that they will not fulfill the lust of the flesh but will bear fruit to the glory of God.
12. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body, which is composed of all people, living and dead, who have been joined to Him through saving faith.
13. God admonishes His people to assemble together regularly for worship, for participation in ordinances, for edification through the Scriptures and for mutual encouragement.
14. At physical death the believer enters immediately into eternal, conscious fellowship with the Lord and awaits the resurrection of his body to everlasting glory and blessing.
15. At physical death the unbeliever enters immediately into eternal, conscious separation from the Lord and awaits the resurrection of his body to everlasting judgment and condemnation.
16. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth - personally, visibly and bodily - to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.
17. The Lord Jesus Christ commanded all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to disciple people from every nation. The fulfillment of that Great Commission requires that all worldly and personal ambitions be subordinated to a total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."

## APPENDIX II—Licensed Materials

As a new or existing Chartered group, you should be aware of the following resources that you are permitted to use. These and other resources are best understood and used with the direction of a Cru staff coach. To get a staff coach, contact a Cru web master at <https://www.cru.org/train-and-grow/leadership-training.html>

The following websites may be used by Chartered student groups:

1. <https://www.cru.org/train-and-grow.html>
2. <http://cru.org/>
3. <http://Startingwithgod.com>
4. <http://Everystudent.com>
5. <http://crupress.com/>

Ethnic Student Ministries websites:

1. First Nations: <http://www.nationsmovement.com/>
2. Asian Americans: <http://www.epicmovement.com/>
3. Latinos: <http://destinomovement.com/>
4. South Asian Americans: <http://designmovement.org>
5. African-Americans: <http://www.impactmovement.com/>

Other Ministry websites:

1. Cru High School: <http://cruhighschool.com/>
2. Bridges International: <http://www.bridgesinternational.com/>
3. Valor Movement: <http://www.valormovement.com/>
4. Soon (formerly KCCC): <http://www.kcccusa.org/>
5. Athletes in Action: <http://goAIA.org> and <http://AthletesInAction.org>

**The following logos may be used (along with other authorized variations):**

This is the official Cru logo and the Cru logo with the accompanying statement. There are specific rules concerning color and word use.



The following logos may be used if you are part of the contextualized ministry represented:

