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The Director's Message to Interns: Grande Lum

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Hello, I'm Director Grande Lum and I'd like to welcome you to the Department of Justice Community Relations Service. CRS is a conflict resolution agency that assists communities in resolving disputes and disagreements arising from differences of race, color and national origin. CRS also helps communities develop strategies to prevent and respond to violent hate crimes committed on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion or disability.

CRS is often called America's "Peacemaker." We accomplish that by providing impartial mediation, facilitation, training, and consulting services to help communities enhance their ability to independently prevent and resolve future conflicts. Our experienced conflict resolution specialists are strategically located in 15 offices through the United States to serve your community.

From the March from Selma to Montgomery in 1965, to the Sikh Gurdwara shooting in 2012, the conflict resolution work that CRS does continues to be just as important now as it was back then.

I welcome you to explore our website and learn more about CRS and our unique role in peacemaking and dispute resolution in America.