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## “World Food Day Observance”

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the UVI School of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service will be observing World Food Day from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event is open to the public. Please join us in this first ever, mostly virtually experience.

**The seedling distribution will start at 1:00 pm and end at 3:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Department of Agriculture. The World Food Day Opening ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m., followed by educational workshops on pigs, avocado, and cucumber, until 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.** The Zoom ID is 921 6461 0205. Persons who attend the educational workshops will be eligible to receive additional seedlings. World Food Day, which is officially celebrated on October 16<sup>th</sup> but observed worldwide during October, brings attention to the plight of the hungry and undernourished in the territory and the world. This year’s World Food Day theme, selected by the Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, is **“Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together.”**

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, presentations will include a formal opening ceremony, workshops, demonstrations, entertainment, and **FREE** vegetable seedlings. Each year, three agricultural products are highlighted, and this year’s selections are pork, avocado, and cucumber.

You don’t want to miss this family fun event—**WORLD FOOD DAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>**. Dr. Usman Adamu, Dean and Director of the UVI School of Agriculture, stated

that “World Food Day is a time when we assess food production and nutritional value, distribution, and sustainability. We hope that you will join us as we all recommit to doing something to eradicate hunger worldwide, especially in the Virgin Islands. Come out and participate in the programs and activities designed to promote awareness and actions to feed the less fortunate among us in the territory.” World Food Day is sponsored by the UVI School of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, UVI School of Agriculture Agricultural Experiment Station, and V.I. Department of Agriculture. For more information, call Marthious Clavier at (340) 692-4090.

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