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   We shall overcome someday.

2. We'll walk hand in hand (2 times)
   We'll walk hand in hand some day.
   Deep in my heart I do believe
   We'll walk hand in hand some day.

3. South Africa will be free (2 times)
   South Africa will be free some day.
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4. We shall live in peace (2 times)
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PROGRAM - 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

12:10 - 12:30  Music played to draw attention to Capitol Building
12:30 - 12:40  Welcome ........................ Representative Virgil C. Smith, Jr.

Representative Perry Bullard
12:40 - 12:45  Invocation ............ Reverend Eleanor Morrison,
First Congregation, United Church of Christ
12:45 - 12:55  Speech ............... Reverend Mangedwa Nyathi,
Hartford Memorial Baptist Church
12:55 - 1:05  Speech ............... Governor James Blanchard
1:05 - 1:10  Circle Formation ..... Rep. Virgil Smith, Jr.: Director
Moment of Silence
1:10 - 1:15  Song ................... "All for One and One for All",
Ms. Betty Joplin
Mr. Roger Groves, accompanist
1:15 - 1:20  Song ................... "We Shall Overcome" - Sing-along
1:20  Circle disassembles