

Rev. J. Lemert Whitmer, (he prefers to be called Lem) has served many churches in Kansas Those include Sedan, Cheney, Neodesha, including 14 years in Louisburg. He has also served the First Christian church in Weston Missouri and served as an interim with several congregations in Missouri, Kansas and even one in Indiana.

Lem is an ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ and has full standing in the Christian Church of Greater Kansas City and Mid-America Regions. He served as its Moderator in the Greater Kansas City Region from 1996 to 2000. Lem was issued standing as a licensed lay minister in 1968 at the age of 18.

He earned his Masters of Divinity from Phillips Graduate Seminary, and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma.

Lem is the son of missionaries and was born in what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo. He lived there with his Mother, Father, a brother and sister until the age of nine. Other countries he has lived in childhood are Switzerland, and Jamaica.

Paulette (daughter of Gareth and Martha Cannon of Platte City), Lem's wife lived as a child in the Farley Missouri area. She studied music and sociology at Phillips University where she met her husband. They share their home on a farm near Platte City, Missouri. They have two children who are now grown and have their own families.