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Francois Cardinal is the Executive Director of Stand in the Gap Ministries. Stand in the Gap (SITGM) serves three distinct populations; at-risk youth, women impacted by incarceration, and widows. SITGM recruits and trains volunteers from local churches to come alongside a client and provide relational, emotional and spiritual support in a small group setting.

Francois is retired from a 20+ year corporate career focused primarily on technology and related industries with IBM, MCI, AMR Corporation (American Airlines) and Texas Instruments. He also co-owned Tulsa-based Straxis Technology, a software development company. Prior to Straxis, he spent 10 years with IBM in several roles including being part of a global alliance organization that managed IBM's relationship with software partners such as Siebel Systems/Oracle. Francois also led a team in building and operating a major call center for AMR Corporation to support several functional business units for the American Express Company.

Francois earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Baylor University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Dallas.

Francois likes to spend time with his wife, Laura, and three young adult children. As a third generation graduate, Francois is a passionate supporter of Baylor sports programs. He currently serves on the Holland Hall (PreK-12 independent college prep school) Strategic Planning Committee. Francois is also passionate about faith-based ministries and supports several local, national and international ministry organizations.