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Francois Cardinal is the Executive Director of Stand in the Gap Ministries (www.standinthegap.org) and has served in various leadership positions over the past 11 years. Stand in the Gap (SITGM) serves three distinct populations; young adults coming from hard places, women coming from hard places, many 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 Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Baylor University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Dallas.

Francois likes to spend time with his wife Laura and three young adult children and as a third generation graduate, is a passionate supporter of Baylor University. He serves on the board of directors of His House Outreach Ministries in Claremore, Branch 15 Transition Homes in OKC as well as past service on the Holland Hall (PreK-12 independent college prep school) Strategic Planning Committee. Francois is passionate about faith-based ministries and supports several local and national ministry organizations.